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Queens mom, baby killed as overcrowded boat capsizes

A 27-year-old mother from College Point and her 5-month-old daughter were killed when a dangerously overcrowded motorboat flipped in New York Harbor on Saturday night, cops and sources said yesterday. The baby's father (above), was also among the 14 people on the 21-foot vessel when it capsized close to Liberty Island just before 10:30 p.m., sources said.

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Drugs deadly for homeless

Biggest killer in New York

By CARL CAMPANILE

Almost half of the deaths of New York City's homeless population were tied to drugs and alcohol, an eye-opening new report found.

Some 285 of the 634 homeless residents who died in a one-year stretch from 2024-25 lost their lives because of drug addiction, overdoses or alcoholism, the Departments of Health and Social Services/Homeless Services said in its 2026 report.

The analysis, which covers documented deaths from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, includes deaths in temporary shelters as well as on the streets, in subways, abandoned properties or while in an acquaintance's home.

Most homeless people — 58% — died in a hospital, while 22% of unsheltered residents died outdoors.

Of the total, 52% of those who died were listed as unsheltered, while 48% died in a homeless facility.

Authors of the report said the numbers are likely undercounted due to difficulties tracking thousands of migrants served by other agencies operating temporary encampments during the crisis at the Mexican border.

Helayne Seidman

HARD BED: A man lies passed out on an East Village sidewalk, as a city report said that of the 634 homeless people who died in New York during the 2025 fiscal year, 40% were drug-related.

Heart disease

"Some of the tens of thousands of new migrants provided shelter by H+H [Health+Hospitals], HPD [Housing Preservation and Development] and New York City Emergency Management [NYCEM] could have died and not be identified as homeless decedents since DOHMH did not receive data from these agencies for matching," the report said.

The top five leading causes of death in FY25 were drug-related (40% or 251), heart disease (12% or 78), accidents excluding drug overdose (9% or 60), alcohol misuse/dependence (5% or 34) and cancer (4% or 23).

There were 18 deaths by suicide, 15 deaths attributed to exposure to cold/hypothermia, 15 subway accident deaths, 14 auto accident deaths and 11 homicides, the data showed.

There were also five deaths from toxic substances, four heat-related deaths and three deaths attributed to falls, the report said.

At least 15 people died from hypothermia this past brutally cold winter, autopsies conducted by the city's chief medical examiner's office in late February found.

Ten other deaths in the report listed no cause because it could not be determined if the intent was homicide, suicide or accidental.

The report found a positive trend.

The number of deaths among persons experiencing homelessness dropped by nearly 18%, from 770 in the prior 2024 fiscal year to 634 in FY 2025.

Drug-related deaths remained the leading cause of death among the homeless population, consistent with prior city and national trends.

Drug-related deaths plummeted 28%, from 348 (45% of the total) in FY 2024 to 251 (40%) in FY 2025.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner investigated and confirmed the overwhelming majority of deaths in the report.

Vulnerable

While city agencies provide temporary emergency shelter and help individuals and families transition into permanent and supportive housing, officials said people experiencing homelessness are a vulnerable population at greater risk of health issues and death.

"Negative social factors such as poverty and racism, compounded by the stressors of housing instability, put persons experiencing homelessness at a greater likelihood of having physical and mental health conditions that are poorly controlled, when compared to the general public, resulting in poor health outcomes for this population," the report said.

The annual report on the cause of homeless deaths — required under the law — helps city policy makers and care workers identify and address pressing health concerns for the vulnerable population, the authors said.

The just-released report is the 20th issued.

Data from prior reports led the city to develop needed services and interventions, such as creating and expanding of its Opioid Overdose Prevention Program and anti-overdose drug naloxone administration trainings aimed at reducing the harmful impacts of substance use.

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Aircraft chased from Don airspace

F-16 fighter jets scrambled to intercept two aircraft that flew around President Trump's New Jersey golf club while the commander-in-chief was staying there on Sunday.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) confirmed that it successfully escorted two aircraft out of the area in response to the breach.

Trump traveled to Bedminster on Friday to spend the weekend at his golf club there and was set to stay through Sunday.

Officials described the intercepted planes as civilian general-aviation aircraft. It was unclear why the aircraft violated the airspace.

The Post has contacted the Pentagon and White House for comment.

There have been numerous instances of airspace violations near Trump that have prompted NORAD fighter jets to intervene in his second term. In May, F-16s deployed flares at Palm Beach International Airport hours before he was set to take off.

While it is unknown whether the latest airspace violation was nefarious, it comes against the backdrop of a string of security scares and assassination attempts against Trump.

Last Tuesday, officials revealed they arrested Jeanine John Taele, 38, of Downey, Calif., after a pistol and ammo were found in his vehicle at Trump National Golf Club in Rancho Palos Verdes.

On July 13, 2024, a bullet came within a quarter-inch of killing Trump during a Butler, Pa., rally. *Ryan King*

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Suki's takin' us for a ride

Beautiful British singer Suki Waterhouse posted a batch of photos to her Instagram last week, including this tantalizing carousel shot, giving fans a behind-the-scenes look at her ongoing "Loveland" tour, which will stop at Radio City Music Hall on Sept. 24.

Instagram/@sukiwaterhouse

AOC'S A BIT OVA THE TOP

'Badass' egg-freeze vid

By RYAN KING

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez / Instagram

"Squad" Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has started the process of freezing her eggs — and is using a vlog on Instagram to give her lefty fans mundane updates such as her taking hormonal injections.

Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), 36, revealed in a weekend post (right) that she had been saving up for and contemplating the procedure for some time — hailing herself as a "badass" for taking on what tens of thousands of women have already gone through.

She said she felt "empowered" to start that process now while Congress is on its August recess.

"This is a choice that I am making to feel more in control of my life," said the democratic socialist Bronx and Queens representative. "And if people want to make assumptions about my decision, let them make those assumptions. I feel empowered to make this choice."

Ocasio-Cortez alluded to the speculation she has faced about a potential 2028 presidential run and complained that the media fails to realize that politicians have other factors to consider beyond a "craven" lust for power.

'Larger context'

"The media will run up and ask a question like, 'Are you going to run for this? Or are you going to run for that?' And it is almost through this very two-dimensional, craven understanding or ambitious understanding of power," she grumbled.

"I think a lot of us actually approach these considerations or these decisions through the larger context of . . . what is happening in our lives, as whole human beings."

She said despite knowing that the risk of being so open could backfire on her politically, she wanted to help inform other women about their options and normalize those discussions.

The congresswoman noted that she had a scheduled interview Sunday on ABC News' "This Week" and planned on taking hormonal shots in its waiting room before going on air to discuss politics.

"I want you all to see that. And because women can do anything, and I think it's badass that I'm going to be giving myself shots in the green room [as I] get my glam on," she said.

Egg-harvesting allows women to have some of their unfertilized eggs taken from their ovaries when they are younger and store them at subzero temperatures until they are ready to have them implanted either in themselves or a surrogate.

The process increases their chances of a successful pregnancy later in life, as women's egg quality often declines rapidly in their mid-30s.

To freeze their eggs, women have to go through about two weeks of hormone treatment before undergoing the procedure to harvest their eggs.

"This is just not something that men deal with," Ocasio-Cortez said. "Men run for office, or frankly, they interview for jobs, and people don't think in the back of their mind, 'OK, this guy is running for office. How old is he? Oh, well, is he going to want to start a family.' "

Ocasio-Cortez has been engaged to Riley Roberts, who has worked in marketing and web development, since 2022.

Ya feel lucky? $905M Powerball

The Powerball jackpot has swelled past $900 million, the eighth largest payout in history — but the odds show players are more likely to be struck by lightning twice than they are to win.

The jackpot is $905 million ahead of the next drawing Monday after no one matched all six numbers in Saturday's drawing.

The largest jackpot was an eye-watering $2.04 billion in 2022, with the winning ticket purchased in California.

Monday's top prize can be paid out in 30 payments over 29 years, or be collected in a $392 million cash up front before taxes, according to Powerball.

The chances of hitting all five white balls plus the Powerball sit at a brutal 1-in-292,201,338, with one analysis estimating you're more than 19,000 times more likely to be struck by lightning than win the jackpot, according to prediction market OddsReference. You're also more likely to be struck by lightning twice in your lifetime, give birth to natural quadruplets or even be hit by a meteor, according to multiple data sources. *Brandon Cruz*

FAMILY IN BOAT

By JOE MARINO, MARIE POHL, FENIX SURIEL, ZOE HUSSAIN and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

NY Post: Luiz C. Ribeiro

Mom, baby die after crowded vessel flips in NY Harbor

A tragic Queens mom and her 5-month-old daughter were killed when a dangerously overloaded motorboat capsized near Liberty Island in New York's "Wild West" harbor late Saturday, cops and sources said.

Sara Sanchez, 27, and her baby girl, Antonella Garcia, of College Point were among 14 people on the 2019 22-foot white Yamaha AR210 when it flipped over just before 10:30 p.m. Saturday, authorities told The Post.

Sanchez's boyfriend, who was Antonella's father, was among those on board, according to the police — and was seen weeping in heart-wrenching Post photos as he was rescued.

"I'm in shock right now," Sanchez's neighbor Diego Naranjo told The Post on Sunday, adding that the mom and her baby had only moved into the neighborhood two months ago.

Surprise birthday

Passengers were celebrating a surprise 41st birthday for Paula Rivera before the boat chartered with "Zeus Luxury" capsized, Rivera's daughter Sara Raez told The Post.

The group boarded the small boat at Randall's Island around 7 p.m. for a voyage around the Statue of Liberty.

"When we were heading back, we were slow, but out of nowhere, people started screaming because the front of the boat went into the water," Raez, 20, recalled. "The water got into the boat. The boat went up, and when it went down — it was in seconds — it flipped over. Everyone was on the bottom of the boat. We were just trying to get out. Then, when finally everyone got out, everyone was screaming, because we were still missing them, too."

Zeus Luxury didn't immediately respond to a request for comment from The Post.

The vessel, which has front seating, typically has a capacity of about 10 people, according to online sites.

But experienced boaters know that it should not have been carrying even more than five passengers at the time, given the location where the fatal incident occurred, a well-placed source told The Post.

"Recreational boating in New York Harbor is the Wild West," the source said. "Uncharted debris, rip rap, bridge abutments, anchorage chains, commercial shipping channels, marine plane traffic."

The boat's operator, Manuel Hernandez, 46, was taken into custody after the fatal mishap and hit with 13 counts of reckless endangerment — and is likely to face more charges, according to sources.

His relationship to the victims, if any, was not immediately known — with the Coast Guard saying authorities are looking into whether he may have been running an illegal charter.

Everyone went into the drink during the capsize: the mom and baby, boat captain and the other 11 passengers, sources said.

All of the passengers except for one are from Queens, they said.

The other one is from the Upper East Side.

Haunting video captured blue and red emergency lights flashing in the darkened harbor following the incident.

Multiple agencies, including the NYPD, the FDNY, the US Coast Guard and Air Sea Rescue, scrambled to the scene, where Hernandez was taken into custody.

NYPD helicopters could be seen hovering overhead while FDNY vessels patrolled the waters to save survivors.

On Sunday, grim video and photos obtained by The Post captured the doomed, small white boat being lifted from the water, as the multiagency investigation continued.

The surviving passengers were pulled from the water and transported to Brooklyn's Lutheran Hospital in stable condition with minor injuries.

Some of the survivors still clung to their life vests at the hospital — where a loved one of one of the victims could be heard Saturday night wailing, "No! Why? Why? No!"

The tragic mom, Sanchez, also leaves behind a 6-year-old son, Salvadore — whose birthday is this week, Raez said.

A GoFundMe fundraiser for Garcia has been set up to help the grieving dad with funeral expenses.

"He has to figure out how to live without them; it's a big loss," Rivera said.

"Nobody is prepared for this to happen," she added.

'Difficult time'

In addition to the mom and baby, the other 11 passengers on board were identified as six women, ages 20, 41, 43, 43, 44 and 45, and the five men, ages 29, 34, 44, 50 and 58, sources said.

The 29-year-old man lives at the same address as the mom and baby, while the 58-year-old male passenger is the only one not from Queens. He lives on Park Avenue between East 95th and 96th streets in Manhattan.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of life last night, and our thoughts are with the victims' family and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time," Coast Guard New York Sector Commander Doreen McCarthy said in a statement.

A sanctioned boat-for-hire requires US Coast Guard credentials and official inspection certification to ensure it meets safety standards and carries required safety equipment, the Coast Guard said.

A similar tragedy struck the Big Apple four years earlier.

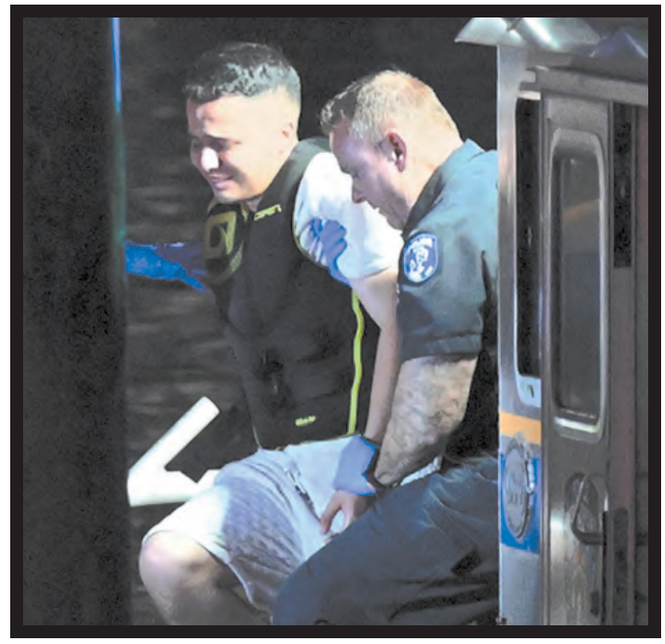
In July 2022, an overloaded boat packed with revelers capsized near Pier 86 in Manhattan, leaving a 7-year-old boy and a 50-year-old woman dead after they were trapped underneath.

Youngster Julian Vasquez and Lindelia Vasquez, a relative, were visiting New York from Colombia when they went on the ill-fated excursion with family.

TRAGEDY

NY Post: Luiz C. Ribeiro

DISASTROUS: Local and federal authorities lift out of New York Harbor a 21-foot white Yamaha motorboat that overturned late Saturday night, plunging the operator and 13 passengers into the water, leading to the deaths of a 27-year-old Queens mom and her 5-month-old daughter.



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TERRIFIED SURVIVORS: Rescue workers take shaken passengers to the hospital, including the boyfriend (top) of tragic victim Sara Sanchez, who is also the father of her dead baby girl, Antonella Garcia.

Capt.'s criminal raps pile up

The captain of the overloaded motorboat that capsized in New York Harbor on Saturday night, killing a mother and child, is facing more than a dozen criminal charges, cops said Sunday.

Manuel Hernandez, 46 — whose last known address was a condo building off Central Park South — was slapped with 13 charges of reckless endangerment over the deadly mishap.

More charges are possible, law-enforcement sources said.

Hernandez was allegedly at the helm of the 2019 white 21-foot Yamaha AR210 when it capsized shortly before 10:30 p.m., sending everyone on board into the water.

Authorities are investigating whether the ill-fated boat was operating as an illegal charter, the Coast Guard said in a press release — adding that such operations "often lack necessary safety equipment and may not meet the same safety standards as legal charters."

The vessel was packed with 14 people despite a seating capacity of no more than 10, according to NYPD sources.

Police toxicology tests determined that Hernandez did not appear to be impaired at the time of the tragedy, sources said.

The rescue effort was significant — and included a private vessel in the area that came rushing over to help, authorities said.

"Two Coast Guard Station New York boats, four FDNY and two NYPD boats, as well as an NYPD helicopter deployed to rescue the persons in the water," the Coast Guard said. "We are extremely grateful for the heroic, swift actions of our partner agencies and Good Samaritan vessel who assisted in rescuing survivors from the water."

Joe Marino and Reuven Fenton

‘Mount’ing shame

Locals fed up after ‘cop-son drive-by’

By STEVEN VAGO

Critics blasted Democrats for “embarrassing” a majority black Westchester County city after a police bigwig was arrested for joining her gang-banger son on a drive-by shooting in The Bronx.

Locals said Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard has left the residents of Mount Vernon with more questions than answers after the Democratic leader blamed Deputy Police Commissioner Jennifer Lackard’s hiring on deceased former Commissioner Glenn Scott — and countrywide police reforms following George Floyd’s killing.

Now one fiery law enforcement activist and others are calling for a formal probe.

Lackard, 49, a sorority sister of Patterson-Howard, was hired by her for the high-up position in 2020 when she had zero police experience, an ex-con hubby and a troubled son in a Bronx street gang.

“This should be an opportunity to demonstrate what professional Black leadership, accountable government and effective community-based policing can look like,” Damon K. Jones, a representative for Blacks in Law Enforcement of America, railed in a press release.

“Instead, the failures coming from City Hall and police leadership have repeatedly embarrassed the department and overshadowed the work of the many dedicated officers who continue to serve the community professionally.”

Locals blasted the mayor, who sources told The Post may have been urged to hire Lackard by Democratic power broker Rev. Franklyn Richardson of Grace Baptist Church, where they both attended services.

“It’s favoritism,” charged CB Griffin, 54, a Mount Vernon grocer. “You’ll probably find a lot of that in this city government.”

Mount Vernon, a city of 72,000 people and a known Democratic stronghold, is no stranger to controversy. The arrest is the latest stain on the troubled city, which has seen two sitting mayors arrested while in office and multiple police department controversies.

Mayors Ernie Davis and Richard Thomas left office after being charged with federal tax evasion and state grand larceny charges.

Thomas, who has blamed his charges on politics, called for President Trump to open up a probe in the beleaguered city.

Compared to Iran

“Letting the rigged Mt. Vernon machine operate above the law is like ignoring Iran building nuclear weapons,” he said in a statement.

“The simple truth is, at this point, only President Trump has the power to stop terrorism abroad and restore liberty right here at home, especially in Mt. Vernon.”

Lackard was busted by the NYPD for allegedly driving the getaway car for her son and reputed “Slutty Gang” member Chase Lackard, 20, as he tried to gun down a rival or rivals outside a Bronx courthouse. The now-fired deputy commissioner has been charged with attempted murder for the June 29 shooting.

Law enforcement activist Jones, who is also publisher of the Mount Vernon-centric newspaper Black Westchester, also said the mayor failed in her leadership and lied when blaming Scott, who died in 2024, for Lackard’s hiring.

“Mount Vernon deserves leadership that accepts responsibility — not leadership that rewrites history,” he said.

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James Keivom

MOTHER ‘OUT’LAW: Mount Vernon Police big Jennifer Lackard allegedly aided her son Chase (right) in a drive-by shooting.

Oxy mask quarrel, then stab

An ailing resident in a ritzy Upper East Side co-op building stabbed her home health aide in the gut during an argument over her oxygen mask, sources said.

Barbara Salberg, 66, knifed the 54-year-old female aide in a first-floor apartment at 210 E. 73rd St. after the two argued over the mask on Saturday at about 12:30 p.m., sources told The Post.

The unidentified victim was rushed by ambulance to Weill Cornell hospital, where she was listed in stable condition.

Salberg was slapped with charges of assault and criminal possession of a weapon.

Units in the posh building list for some eye-popping prices, with one-bedroom units going for as much as $700,000, according to StreetEasy data.

A building resident told The Post on Saturday he overheard the aide “speaking to what appeared to be her patient on the phone.”

“I had just come back from running my errands and was having a cigarette and she asked me for one,” he explained. “And I said no, and then I heard her screaming into the phone: ‘I do everything for you. I do your laundry. I take care of you, I take care of every little thing.’ ” *Joe Marino and Brandon Cruz*

Teen knifed near parade

A 19-year-old man was stabbed multiple times near the Dominican Day Parade route in Midtown on Sunday, police said.

The teen was repeatedly knifed in the back and chest after an argument on 42nd Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues outside of Bryant Park around 2:40 p.m., according to cops.

Medics took him to NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue, where he was listed in stable condition. Two suspects were taken into custody, but had yet to be charged as of Sunday afternoon. The relationship between them and the teen wasn’t immediately clear. *Steven Vago*

Margaritas left more than a hangover

A New York City woman is issuing a warning after her hands were left covered in second-degree burns from a seemingly harmless afternoon making margaritas.

Haley Peacock, a Brooklyn-based designer, shared a TikTok documenting her experience with “margarita burn,” a condition triggered by handling citrus before heading into the sun.

In a follow-up video, she says, “Please, please, please, do not squeeze citrus and then go lay in the sun.

“And if you do, please wash your hands with soap like 17 times,” she emphasized, highlighting the necessity of thorough cleaning.

The accident occurred while Peacock was hosting a birthday for her boyfriend, during which she hand-squeezed approximately 30 limes to prepare a batch of cocktails for 25 guests.

Thinking a quick rinse with water was sufficient, she spent the rest of the day relaxing by the pool, unaware of the chemical reaction beginning on her skin.

By the following day, her hands had become alarmingly red, swollen and intensely painful.

The day after she got back to Brooklyn, fluid-filled blisters — some the “size of golf balls” — engulfed her hands, requiring medical treatment.

Margarita burn, or “phytophotodermatitis,” is an inflammatory skin reaction causing tissue damage and blistering akin to chemical burns. *Daniel Cody*

CHUCK GRASSLEY
Mourning Beth's demise.

Sucks but sen.'s old vac dies

Beth sucked, but in a good way.

Sen. Chuck Grassley's 1970s-era Hoover vacuum named Beth finally bit the dust after decades of being at his side as they battled filthy floors and awed the internet together.

The 92-year-old announced the demise of his beloved vacuum cleaner and Web sensation Saturday after her plug sparked because of an apparent electrical malfunction.

"U willl [sic] see Beth no more," the Hawkeye State Republican lamented on X with a photo of Beth's remains. "See black that's from electrical sparks. It's not safe to use anymore. GOOD BYE BETH .U hv [sic] been a real workhorse. Ur namesake still is hard worker. I will miss u."

Beth had emerged as a sidekick to Grassley over the years, going viral during holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas thanks to images he posted of Beth gearing up for work. *Ryan King*

DC fireworks break record

Nearly two months after President Trump proclaimed Washington, DC, would launch the "LARGEST FIREWORKS SHOW IN HISTORY," Guinness World Records confirmed it this week.

"The largest firework display consists of 840,537 fireworks, and was achieved by Freedom 250 and Pyrotecnico, Inc (both USA) at an event organized by Event Strategies Inc in Washington D.C., USA, on 4 July 2026," the organization wrote on its website.

Fox News

SAFETY LAST? New York Attorney General Letitia James' re-election foe says James works to "dismantle public safety" by steering big-money grants to anti-cop groups.

FOE: TISH CAN'T BE TRUSTED

$54M given to 'anti-law' woke orgs

By CARL CAMPANILE

New York Attorney General Letitia James has steered more than $54 million in taxpayer-funded grants to six legal groups fighting to "dismantle public safety," claims a bombshell analysis by her GOP election foe.

Nearly one-quarter of the $226 million in grants that the attorney general's office has shelled out since James took office in January 2019 have gone to anti-police or criminal-friendly groups, according to the report by Saritha Komatireddy, a former federal prosecutor now running to try to unseat the Democratic AG.

'Criminal collusion'

The candidate's report focuses on the Homeowner Protection Program, or HOPP, set up in 2012 by James' predecessor, former Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, to help New Yorkers facing foreclosure after the subprime mortgage crisis a generation ago.

The state's AG has sole discretion over how its millions of dollars in annual outlays are spent and who gets them.

The Post last year reported that legal and migrant advocacy groups fighting to block New York from helping the Trump administration enforce US immigration laws had been awarded more than $600 million in taxpayer dollars from the city and state governments.

"The Attorney General is the chief law enforcement officer of the state. She is supposed to be a trusted law enforcement partner," Komatireddy said in a statement.

"AG James is the opposite. While law enforcement and many local DAs across the state are working hard with limited resources to combat rising crime, AG James is colluding with the criminals."

The controversial $54 million she awarded was divvied up as follows:

■ $3,350,116 to Mobilization For Justice — which provides legal services to low-income residents and has publicly called to "Defund the NYPD." James more than tripled her office's grant funding to Mobilization for Justice.

■ $6,495,936 to The Legal Aid Society, James' former employer, which "fights to make pretrial detention obsolete" and "challenge the use of money bail" and works toward "a collective future without jails," the report said. James more than tripled the grant funding received by Legal Aid.

Anti-cop groups

■ $6,971,387 to the New York Legal Assistance Group, which fights to bar police from interacting with the homeless. James more than tripled OAG's grant funding to the New York Legal Assistance Group.

■ $8,192,613 to the Empire Justice Center, which has campaigned to ban police from making traffic stops for traffic violations. James more than doubled grant funding to the Empire Justice Center.

■ $20,905,619 to Legal Services NYC and its borough affiliates, which are campaigning to remove police from New York City public schools. James more than tripled grant funding to Legal Services NYC and its borough affiliates.

■ $8,238,213 to the Western New York Law Center — currently suing the Buffalo Police Department for increasing its neighborhood presence after community members asked for help. James more than tripled grant funding to the Western New York Law Center.

Reuters

Funds for defunding cops

New York Attorney General Letitia James has steered $54M in grants to anti-law enforcement groups, including:

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■ Mobilization for Justice: **$3,350,116.** Publicly called to "Defund the NYPD."

■ The Legal Aid Society: **$6,495,936.** James' former employer allegedly "fights to make pretrial detention obsolete."

■ New York Legal Assistance Group: **$6,971,387.** Advocated for barring police interactions with homeless.

■ Empire Justice Center: **$8,192,613.** Campaigned to ban police from making traffic stops for traffic violations.

■ Western New York Law Center: **$8,238,213.** Suing Buffalo PD over increasing community presence after locals asked for help.

AOC: Forget Hong's past

"Squad" Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez defended Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate Rep. Francesca Hong's previous statements calling to defund the police — saying "Woke 1 was crazy" as she refrained from an endorsement in the race.

Hong, a Democratic Socialists of America member, has opened up a massive, double-digit polling lead in the Wisconsin gubernatorial primary over her foe, Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley.

Republicans are hopeful she will win Tuesday's primary due to her past calls to get rid of Thanksgiving, abolish the police, and more.

"My understanding is that Francesca Hong has made clear her present stances to her electorate," Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) told ABC News' "This Week" on Sunday.

"I have a local city councilman that has this saying, 'Woke 1 was crazy,' " she added, referring to NYC Councilmember Chi Ossé. "I think that what's important is that we have to assess what a candidate is saying now."

AOC contended that "Woke 1" was driven in part by the COVID-19 pandemic and some of the discourse at the time was "quite fruitful." She claimed the conversation about criminal justice in the present day has changed because of "Woke 1."

"I think that when we talk about crime today, it's fundamentally different than the way that we talked about crime in bringing crime down, right?" she said. "I think that during lockdown, of course, rhetoric in that time is not rhetoric that we would use today."

Hong had been hesitant to break from her past inflammatory remarks. Initially, when asked about whether she still wants to cancel Thanksgiving, something she raised in a 2021 interview, Hong told CNN last week the holiday "is also a time that's incredibly painful for many people in our communities."

After facing backlash from that, she released a statement claiming that she isn't interested in nixing the holiday.

Around that time, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) indicated that he didn't have plans to endorse in the Wisconsin gubernatorial primary. *Ryan King*

Dem Socialist big finds facts 'taxing'

A Democratic Socialists of America honcho struggled to explain what "taxing the rich" meant and appeared clueless about the President Bill Clinton-era landmark Israeli-Palestinian peace effort during an embarrassing interview with The New Yorker on Friday.

Megan Romer, a national co-chair of the organization, seemed bewildered by a question from magazine editor David Remnick about one of the DSA's signature positions.

"Well, what does 'taxing the hell out of them' mean?" Remnick asked on the episode of The New Yorker Radio Hour titled "How Socialist Is the DSA? Megan Romer Explains."

"Uh, yeah, you know, again, I don't have like a solid . . .," Romer awkwardly chuckled.

"But shouldn't you?" Remnick pressed. "If you're the co-chair of the DSA, shouldn't you be more specific than 'taxing the hell' out of something? What exactly do you mean?"

"Um, that's a good question," Romer said. "So again, it's democracy, right? And we have to look at what we have to spend and what we need. We don't want to depend on the existence of millionaires because that means people are still getting exploited."

When Remnick asked if she would have been satisfied with the 2000 Camp David summit proposal for Israeli-Palestinian peace, Romer responded, "I need to look at what the actual specifics there were, I don't know them off the top of my head." *Gabrielle Fahmy*

Socialist Wisconsin gov

'We need more witch poems written by fabulous asians."

"We need more algorithms written by immigrant trans folk."

"We need more supreme court decisions written by activist p.o.c. [people of color]."

"We need more speculative fiction written by indigenous latinx."

In a Sheboygan, Wis., café, a series of posters assert as much before following up with a haunting question: "What are you doing to help make that happen?"

On Saturday night, attendees of an event hosted by the establishment could answer with their chin up: They're going to elect Francesca Hong governor.

A democratic socialist member of the state Assembly and the prohibitive favorite to succeed Gov. Tony Evers as the Democratic nominee for his office come Tuesday, Hong has featured in headlines for all of the wrong reasons over the last few weeks.

In a much-maligned November 2020 tweet, she called on officials to "Cancel Thanksgiving."

"If it takes a worldwide pandemic for us to realize we should stop celebrating colonialism and the original superspreader event that killed Indegenous [sic] folx and women so be it," declared Hong, then 32.

Needless to say, she picked the right place for Saturday's get-together.

Clenched fist

Still, while the lawmaker's risible social media history and untidy clean-up efforts have been the subject of much mockery, Hong is well positioned to capitalize on the rage of a fist-clenching electorate ready to show up to the polls to punish, not build.

From the stage, Hong submitted that "what's been missing from our politics for far too long is creativity, joy and commitment."

hopeful taps into left's thirst for revenge

DEMS TURN 'RED' WITH RAGE

'BREW'HAHA: Wisconsin Assembly member and likely Democratic gubernatorial nominee Francesca Hong stumps Saturday night (opposite page) at a Sheboygan café, where a series of posters call for diversity across several fields — a relic, like Hong herself, of Peak Woke. Hong spoke to her crowd about "joy, positivity and unity" while delivering a message seemingly designed to capitalize on an enraged portion of the electorate ready to use the ballot box to exact revenge on perceived villains.

A few moments later, she repeated the plea, this time identifying "joy, positivity and unity" as the foundations of her movement.

If only.

Hong's message is a resentful, revanchist one — and it's landing on the right ears.

The first question she fielded at the Sheboygan town hall was about what she would do to progressives' favorite boogeyman: Elon Musk.

Answer: "I will use every tool in the executive's office to make sure that we are not only holding Elon Musk accountable, but that we are prosecuting to the fullest extent of the law individual ICE agents who break the law."

Thunderous applause.

A few moments later, Hong scoped in on Madison police, whom she vowed to hold accountable for the death of Corey Ruiz, a black man who was shot in the capital after pulling a knife on officers last month.

"I'm following that case in conversations with local government, and have been demanding accountability and justice," said the would-be governor.

"It's important for folks to know that, as someone who believes in the rule of law, we investigate every murder to make sure that there is justice for the victims."

"Murder."

More applause.

Her likely general election opponent, Republican congressman Tom Tiffany, fared little better.

Hong deemed him a "pedophile protector" and "traitor" — the kind that meet their maker in the gallows.

Their business, she explained, was nothing short of "fighting fascism." She knows her audience.

More than a woke joke

A mostly pleasant young man sitting outside the café before its doors opened wanted her to go even further.

He attended an event with the same candidate at the same venue last year and said his impression was that she was taking "a very safe route of appealing to your average Wisconsinite . . . being as in the middle as possible, which eight years ago I would have loved."

"But these days I really want the energy of, 'we have essential Nazis in the White House, they're doing unconstitutional and illegal things on a daily basis, they're committing war crimes, we will hold them accountable and punish them,'" he said.

He must have liked what he heard on Saturday.

And his thoughts on Israel?

"The easiest two words would be: 'F--k Israel.'"

Hong's disdain for the world's only Jewish-majority state, he said, is a "big point" in her favor.

An older couple concurred that freezing out Israel was "important," and cited her plan to "get rid of ICE" as one of their principal reasons for supporting her.

Check and check.

Nationally, Hong has been portrayed as a kind of living joke, a ditzy relic of Peak Woke who compares unfavorably to more polished far-left figures like New York's Zohran Mamdani and Michigan's Abdul El-Sayed.

Those portrayals miss the meaning of her candidacy entirely.

Because beneath the flighty calls for more witch poems and empty appeals to joy, there's an irrepressible anger that she's offering a vengeful, self-righteous seeming outlet for.

And hatred dressed up as love is just about the most alluring thing there is.

Won't conDemn him

El-Sayed defends his ties to Piker

By RYAN KING

HATERS: Far-left Michigan Senate hopeful Abdul El-Sayed (left) only conceded that Hasan Piker's 9/11 comment was dumb.

Reuters (2)

Democratic Michigan Senate hopeful Abdul El-Sayed on Sunday refused to break ties to notorious hate streamer Hasan Piker — while hinting he wants to sock the middle class with the bill for his Medicare for All plan.

El-Sayed even left the door open to continuing to campaign with Piker in his general election matchup against Republican Mike Rogers — despite arguing that the notorious Twitch streamer's 2019 comment, "America deserved 9/11," was dumb.

"It was a dumb statement," El-Sayed told NBC's "Meet the Press." "He disavowed it. So yes. America didn't deserve 9/11.

"But to sit here and play gotcha politics with a dumb thing somebody said out of context — I want to be held accountable for what I say and what I do rather than this idea that we're so stuck in cancel culture that all of us agreed was a bad idea back in 2020," the radical candidate said. "But we seem to want to bring back."

Piker very begrudgingly suggested that his comment was "inappropriate" shortly after his screed against the US in 2019.

But he was later seen with a framed copy of a front-page newspaper story showing the Twin Towers in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack.

More than 2,750 people, mostly Americans, died in New York City alone on the infamous day.

Piker also sparked controversy for claiming that the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas attack was a "direct consequence" of Israeli actions and asserting that if the terror group engaged in rape, it "doesn't change the dynamic for me."

At one point, he fawned over the "brave mujahideen" who injured Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-Texas) and later suggested Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.) should be murdered.

Medicare for All plan

The Mao Zedong-loving streamer also took heat for appearing to use a shock collar on his dog during one of his streams.

El-Sayed stumped with Piker throughout his bruising primary race, which Rogers has since used as fodder for attack ads, tying him to the lefty streamer's suggestion the US deserved the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"I'm less concerned now with who I'm campaigning with and a lot more concerned about who I'm campaigning to," he said. "We've got a lot of work to do to continue to build the coalition that's going to beat Mike Rogers."

During the wide-ranging interview, El-Sayed also acknowledged his Medicare for All proposal would likely cost middle-class taxpayers, despite his long-standing emphasis on taxing the wealthy more.

"So for the average person, when you look at your W2, if you're an employee who gets paid every two weeks or four weeks, after you pay your taxes, the next biggest check that comes off the top of your pay stub is to your health-insurance company," he said. "Imagine instead of paying that to your health insurance company, whose CEO makes $20 million a year, instead you paid a little bit more in taxes for health care that you wouldn't lose if you lost your job or turned 26 or got married or got divorced."

Medicare for All would cost between $2.5 trillion and $3.5 trillion annually on average over a decade in increased federal spending, according to a 2020 analysis from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

El-Sayed's proposals would have no co-pays or deductibles — much more comprehensive than Medicare.

Mich. Sen. nom mocks Don marriage

Controversial Michigan Senate nominee Abdul El-Sayed made a claim about President Trump's marriage to First Lady Melania Trump, calling their relationship "rocky" during a TV appearance Sunday.

El-Sayed railed on CNN's "State of the Union," a day after the president posted a photo of the Trumps alongside another picture of the candidate and his wife, Sarah Jukaku.

The side-by-side pics were posted under the caption "Two VERY DIFFERENT America's [sic]."

"Actually, Sarah and I like each other," El-Sayed told host Jake Tapper. "I don't know about the first lady and the president, but, from what I have heard, it's a bit of a rocky road."

El-Sayed, a self-described progressive who was not endorsed by the Democratic Socialists of America, narrowly defeated moderate Rep. Haley Stevens in the Michigan Democratic Senate primary last week.

The president and first lady have been married since 2005 and have one son, Barron, together.

El-Sayed and his wife, both medical doctors, have been married since 2006 after meeting at the University of Michigan and becoming engaged as freshmen.

They have two daughters together, Emmalee and Serene, and live in Ann Arbor. *Brandon Cruz*

Kin says keep con off street

The family of the deranged North Carolina career criminal accused of terrorizing women in alarming street encounters had repeatedly begged authorities to get him off the streets, his sister said.

Di-Quan Schafar Hunt, 32, was arrested Thursday after a series of self-recorded videos of him chasing and attacking strangers in Charlotte went viral.

Hunt has a lengthy criminal past, with at least nine arrests and a recent habit of attacking neighbors at random in the Dilworth neighborhood, his sister confirmed to WSOC.

"He completely just flipped, and that turned into violence. And we had to call the cops then," she said.

Hunt's sister, who declined to give her name, also said that Hunt has displayed violent behavior towards family members and that relatives have repeatedly tried to get him help.

She believes Hunt has been diagnosed with PTSD and bipolar disorder, but has refused to take medication. The family fears what could happen if Hunt is released again without treatment.

The sister says the alleged attacks have put her family at risk and she hopes that the victims see justice. *Fenix Suriel*

'Webcam' perv bust

A Florida pervert allegedly hid a webcam in a girl's bedroom and shared the livestream with a pedophile "partner in crime" who is facing the death penalty for filming himself raping children, authorities said.

Jeffrey Fischer, 44, of DeBary, was arrested Aug. 4 after texts linked him to Daniel Rodriguez, 35, who was arrested in May for allegedly raping, molesting and exposing himself to two young relatives, and trafficking in child porn of girls as young as 2, WFLA reports.

Fischer faces 21 charges, including two counts of sexual battery on a child younger than 12. *Anthony Blair*

JAMES TALARICO
Texas Senate candidate.

Dem 'nay' for sex crime bills

WASHINGTON — US Senate hopeful James Talarico once opposed multiple legislative efforts to crack down on sex predators getting cashless bail in the early 2020s, though the Texas Democrat did back some tighter rules last year.

In 2021, the GOP-led Texas Legislature pursued multiple bills to crack down on people arrested for heinous crimes being allowed to post no-cash bond, triggering a tense fight with Democrats.

In one case, Talarico, a Texas state representative since 2018, voted against a May 2021 bill that restricted people in jail from posting bail on personal bonds, where they aren't required to make an upfront payment, if they were arrested for sexual or violent crimes.

In a turnabout, Talarico backed a bail-reform package last year aimed at restricting people who committed certain types of crimes from being eligible for bail. *Ryan King*

Amusement horror ride

More than a dozen people found themselves trapped upside down on a malfunctioning ride on the Ocean City, NJ, boardwalk.

Charlotte Hacker and Emilia Gordon, both 13, were on the Wipe Out ride at Playland's Castaway Cove when it got stuck on July 5.

"We were stuck upside down for five to seven minutes, and it doesn't seem like that much to the people that were down watching us, but we were up there, and it felt like an hour," Hacker said on Saturday. *Fox News*

'Restrain order' on mistress who told wife

STRIPPER SUES L.I. DOCTOR

'COP' TO AFFAIR: Rosnana Kissoon claims Dr. Keith Hoerning and wife Nicole (above) tried to get her arrested after she came clean about the affair.

Rosana Kissoon / Facebook; Nicole Hoerning / Facebook

By ANTHONY BLAIR

A Long Island stripper is suing a wealthy married doctor, accusing him of promising to leave his wife for her — just to seek a restraining order when she told his spouse about their alleged affair.

Rosnana Kissoon, 39, accused 51-year-old Dr. Keith Hoerning of trying to get her arrested after their 18-month affair fell apart earlier this year, according to a lawsuit filed in Suffolk County Supreme Court.

Kissoon is seeking damages that could exceed $1 million — which Hoerning, a family physician and father of two, dismissed as a callous extortion plot that followed threats to harm his family.

"This is an issue that I have run across several times. A man makes an error and is blackmailed," his attorney, Bruce Barket, told the Daily Mail. "This stripper is different because she had the audacity to file a lawsuit, pushing the blackmail to another level."

Kissoon accused the doctor, who lives in a $900,000 home in the Suffolk hamlet of Greenlawn, of instigating the affair and promising to start a new life with her, before bringing the force of the law down on her after she told his 34-year-old wife, Nicole, about it.

Bitter end

"It's not just that she thought she was going to have a better life. She found out she wasn't going to have that, and then Keith brought the whole legal system and judicial and police force on her," Kissoon's attorney, Michael Treanor, told the Daily Mail.

"She's done nothing wrong but have a relationship with Mr. Hoerning," he said, adding that the legal fallout had cost Kissoon her day job at a healthcare facility, forced her to seek counseling and left her emotionally devastated.

The alleged affair began in late 2024 when Dr. Hoerning introduced himself to Kissoon at a Long Island strip club, before bombarding her with calls and text messages, according to the complaint.

It allegedly turned intimate in February last year, and by late October, Hoerning and Kissoon were allegedly seeing each other multiple times a week and communicating every day, according to the filings.

In messages, Hoerning allegedly told Kissoon, "I love you," "I will give you what you want," and "I will find a way," while also sending her money, according to the complaint.

"He had made promises to her that he was leaving her, and that they would have a happy life together," Treanor said.

Fling to filing

But on May 15, Kissoon was allegedly sent a cease-and-desist letter by Hoerning's lawyer, demanding she stop contacting him and his family, and threatening her with federal criminal prosecution if she didn't destroy evidence of their relationship.

Despite that, on May 17, Hoerning allegedly resumed contact with Kissoon, sending her a personal family photograph over WhatsApp, the complaint alleges.

On May 24, he allegedly messaged her again, writing "So hot! See u soon," and "Miss u already," according to the complaint.

Two days later, Kissoon called Hoerning's wife to tell her about the alleged affair.

The following evening, Hoerning allegedly went to a Suffolk County police precinct, demanding to have Kissoon arrested.

The doctor claimed that Kissoon threatened to hire "goons" to "beat" him and his family and even "rip [his] wife's . . . face off," according to a sworn petition filed last month.

Kissoon's lawsuit accuses Hoerning and his wife of mounting a coordinated campaign against her after she exposed the alleged affair.

The Hoernings' attorney claimed the lawsuit is "filled with lies," and said the couple has text messages and voice recordings to prove that this was an extortion plot.

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GOT LIT: Figures from New York state show cannabis sales rose on days of the Knicks' title-run games.

Game on for pot smokers

Knicks' run, World Cup sparked NY sales

By CARL CAMPANILE

Dope new data from state cannabis regulators show New Yorkers were sky-high during the Knicks' championship run and also got lit watching FIFA's World Cup games.

Sales of weed and other types of cannabis products jumped during 15 of the 19 total sports playoff games compared to other average daily sales this year, according to the Office of Cannabis Management.

In five of the games, the sales increases exceeded double digits.

Sales also surged by a staggering 30% during the Knicks championship parade along Broadway's Canyon of Heroes on June 18.

"Knick fans were going crazy. My sales were up 20% during game days," said Chris Kuilan, owner of Stoops NYC cannabis dispensary in Manhattan's Flatiron District.

"They racked up to get ready for the game. They were buying gummies, pre-rolls and drinks. They had a double high."

NY Post: Charles Wenzelberg

Cannabis sales soared 11% during the Knicks' first home playoff game against the Atlanta Hawks on April 18. The Knicks won, 113-102.

Sales of marijuana then rose an astonishing 95% for Game 2 on April 20, but that date is also a celebration of the unofficial 4/20 cannabis holiday.

State officials said the Knicks deserve an assist for boosting cannabis sales, even though they lost that game 107-106.

Later in the playoffs, in Game 2 of the Knicks' series at home against the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday, May 21, local cannabis sales jumped 14%. The Knicks won that game 109-93.

Fans were also baked for the first game of the NBA Finals against the Spurs in San Antonio on June 3. Pot sales soared 12%, and the Knicks won 105-95.

New Yorkers were toasted for Game 3 on June 8, too — the first championship-series home game at Madison Square Garden, when marijuana sales shot up 19%. The Knicks suffered their only loss to the Spurs in the five-game series that night, 115-111.

Goals were meanwhile not only scored on the field during the World Cup soccer tournament.

Cannabis sales kicked up during the World Cup's local quarterfinals, semifinals and championship, OCM's analysis found.

During the Spain vs. Belgium quarterfinals game July 10, weed sales grew 10%. Spain won 2-1.

While the Spain vs. Argentina championship game played out July 19, cannabis sales shot up 18%. Spain won the championship match 1-0.

In-N-Out shooting survivor's run-in with killer

A survivor of the deadly mass shooting at an Idaho In-N-Out burger joint revealed a chilling encounter with the killer before the massacre — as the tragic eatery reopened for business.

Braxton Steube came face-to-face with gunman Chad Williams on a walking trail moments before the Aug. 1 mass shooting that left two dead and wounded seven others — before the killer turned the gun on himself, according to KMVT.

"I saw the gun and I kind of just froze," Steube, 17, told the outlet. "I put my hands up, and that's when he pointed the gun directly at me.

"I said, 'I have a family,' " Steube recalled. "I said, 'You don't have to do this. I'll tell you whatever you want. I'll do anything.' He started to tear up a bit, it seemed. And he said to me, 'Just get away from me, man.' "

Williams then walked toward the crowded fast food restaurant — firing an errant shot at Steube that barely missed him.

The Twin Falls location reopened Friday, "with thoughtful consideration, respect, and care," the company said in a statement.

Titus Wu

AI on 911 in N.O.

New Orleans has become the first city in the US to use artificial intelligence to answer emergency 911 calls — but critics warn it could have deadly consequences.

The Orleans Parish Communication District — which gets over a thousand emergency dials a day in what is among the highest volume of calls in the country — is routing the 911 calls to an AI agent that decides which ones get bumped to human dispatchers and which get handled by the bot itself, according to the Shreveport Times.

AI Emergency Call Triage was first deployed in Louisiana's largest city in late July after being tested on its 311 hotline.

The triage bot analyzes calls to prioritize which emergencies should be handled by humans, while it handles repeat calls or low-priority ones to avoid inundating dispatchers. OPCD Executive Director Karl Fasold emphasized the AI is not replacing human dispatchers, but critics fear it could have deadly consequences.

"You have to be able to determine how someone feels or pick up on what they aren't saying," said online critic Boxy, who claimed to be a first responder. "You need a person." *Brandon Cruz*

Some belly whopper

A massive exotic python with a swollen belly was discovered under the floor of a New Jersey family's shed.

Leslie Daley spotted the reptile slithering through her Freehold backyard as she was watering flowers, her husband, Ed, told WABC.

The Daleys then noticed the snake — identified as a roughly 8-foot-long Burmese python — had crawled through a hole and taken shelter underneath the floor of their shed.

An X-ray performed by veterinary staff revealed that the rare snake's last meal was a large opossum, according to the Monmouth County SPCA. *Zoe Hussain*

VARUN BATCHIGARI
Suspected in strangle.

Euro nab in 'slay' of girlfriend

An Arizona student allegedly killed his girlfriend — who planned to break up with him over his domestic violence — before he was caught in Europe trying to escape to his native India.

Varun Batchigari is suspected of first-degree murder in the strangulation of 19-year-old college student Julissa Rubi Salazar inside her apartment near the University of Arizona in Tucson on Thursday.

Salazar was found dead with signs of trauma at around 4 p.m. when police responded to reports of an unresponsive person after the teen's family requested a welfare check on their daughter, the Tucson Police Department said.

Detectives identified Batchigari, Salazar's boyfriend, as the prime suspect after he allegedly stole her phone and credit cards and sent a series of messages to her mother, which sparked concern with her family, according to KOLD.

Nicholas McEntyre

Charged for mothball use

Two Florida business owners are charged with third-degree felonies after allegedly spreading about 1,500 "toxic" mothballs across a beach in hopes of keeping an "imperiled" bird species from nesting there.

If convicted, they could each face up to five years in prison, fines of up to $5,000 and up to five years of probation.

The problem started in late April when beachgoers noticed mothballs on the white, sugary sand on St. Pete Beach in St. Petersburg, Fla. *Fox News*

A 'NOTE' OF DOUBT

Pima County Sheriff's Department; savannahguthrie/Instagram

Analyst: Guthrie taken in burglary

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'NOTE' SO FAST: Dr. Kris Mohandie, a renowned criminal psychologist, listed some reasons to doubt the purported ransom note in Nancy Guthrie's disappearance, including the declaration that it's a ransom note.

By DAVID DETURRIS

A renowned criminal psychologist who helped convince O.J. Simpson to surrender to authorities said he believes Nancy Guthrie's disappearance was likely a burglary gone wrong.

"Unfortunately, I think this case is a simple matter of a burglary gone wrong and then attempts to cover things up," forensic psychologist Dr. Kris Mohandie told Fox News Digital.

The expert said that the creepy doorbell camera footage that shows a masked man at the 84-year-old's front door on the night of the abduction suggests that the mother of "Today" show host Savannah Guthrie was the victim of burglary in her home rather than a sophisticated kidnapping plot.

Mohandie said that it's "appropriate" for law enforcement to investigate any leads into finding out the fate of the matriarch's disappearance.

However, he said it's still doubtful that the two ransom letters sent to the family — which were recently released by the Pima County Sheriff's Office in full — are in any way related to those who took her from her home back in February.

The famed forensic psychologist — who has described how he appealed to former NFL star-turned-murderer Simpson's ego to surrender to cops on June 17, 1994 — pointed out issues in the first ransom note, saying that despite it referencing the crime scene, including Guthrie's Apple Watch and a broken floodlight, it should be treated skeptically.

"I don't make much out of those two details," Mohandie said.

'Lots wrong' with note

"They seem to be details that inadvertently could have gotten to somebody, and so that's not enough for me to say, this is something only the killer would know."

Mohandie also pointed out the inconsistent way the writer uses the pronouns "we" and "I," the declaration of it as a ransom note and the decision to send it to a news outlet.

"There are a lot of things wrong with that ransom note, and it raised a lot of questions for me of veracity," he said.

The psychologist also questioned the legitimacy of the second purported ransom letter.

That note claimed Guthrie had died just days after the alleged kidnapping — and left Mohandie wondering why a kidnapper would out themselves for such a grave action, then offer an apology.

But he said that is his own personal hypothesis, and that investigators may discover something different themselves.

Father & tot vanish from 'normal' walk

A massive multi-state search is underway after a father and his young son vanished during a "normal" afternoon walk from their Illinois home, according to authorities and reports.

Todd Sabatini, 36, left his home in McHenry to take his 22-month-old son, Theo, "for a walk" around noon on Saturday, according to the McHenry Police Department and People.com.

Despite the afternoon walk being "normal activity," concerned family members contacted police after the pair did not return home within a few hours, the outlet reported.

Officers then learned that it was "unusual behavior for Todd" and that the father did not have the "necessary provisions for an extended excursion with Theo," police told the outlet.

Theo's stroller was later discovered behind a local business, and security footage captured Sabatini "attempting to make contact with someone within the Zion Lutheran Church" at a supermarket, police added.

The dad also spoke with someone at Taco Bell, the outlet reported.

Police said the father and son then bizarrely took a rideshare to the Greenfield Police Department in Wisconsin, roughly an hour's drive from the Illinois city.

There, Sabatini "spoke with an officer," and left the police station "on foot" with Theo by 2 p.m. on Saturday, the outlet said. *Zoe Hussain*

THE BATTLE FOR IRAN

HIT 'EM WHERE IT HURT$

Trump's 'low-key' Iran plan

By RONNY REYES

President Trump said Sunday that he would keep a "low-key" approach to the Iran war, signaling a willingness to allow economic pressures to crush Tehran rather than start a new military offensive.

After threatening to resume America's military campaign last week, Trump said he was open to a more hands-off approach as Iran's economy continues to plummet amid the war.

"We are low-keying it," Trump told Axios. "We are only semi-negotiating with them. We are just watching Iran with its huge inflation and the fact they have no money."

Trump notably did not attach any threats of additional strikes to Iran in his remarks, a rare occurrence after spending weeks warning of big blows coming to the Islamic Republic if it did not submit to his demands.

'Like a chess game'

Iran's economy has been in a free fall since late last year, with its rial currency falling to record-low levels as the cost of basic commodities soars.

Grocery prices, specifically, have shot up since the war broke out with the US in February, with bread up 140%, dairy up 116.8% and food and drink prices overall up 113.8%, according to the Statistical Center of Iran.

Trump said the economic troubles have been exacerbated by the US naval blockade on Iranian ports, leaving the Islamic regime "in very bad shape."

"It will work out. It always works out. It's like a chess game," Trump said of the current situation.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian recently addressed the dire situation in the country as he accused the US of "exerting pressure in an attempt to provoke the people into protesting."

The current situation has gotten so bad that some Iranians have been reportedly forced to start stealing groceries and foregoing medical treatment to survive.

Despite the economic pressures, Iran's hardliners and military leaders have repeatedly said the country will endure the hardships so long as it can achieve its war goals, including controlling the Strait of Hormuz.

Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr, Iran's Supreme National Security Council head, said over the weekend that the strait will only reopen once the US agrees to concede the war and lift all sanctions on Tehran.

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Mehr News Agency

Is that 'reel'y Moj now?

Iran released a rare video Sunday of its supreme leader appearing in prime condition amid his long absence from the public eye and swirling reports of deteriorating health.

The country's semi-official Mehr News Agency flaunted video of Mojtaba Khamenei, 56, sitting in a circle and speaking with a group of men, with no context of when or where the scene took place.

Khamenei was notably free of any of the horrific injuries he was believed to have suffered in the initial airstrikes of the war that killed his father, suggesting the video was taken before the conflict began.

Qasem Qoraishi, deputy of Iran's Basij Organization, suggested the Mehr footage was merely the beginning of a new wave of Khamenei footage to reinforce that the supreme leader is well and making active decisions in the government. *Ronny Reyes With Wires*

Houthi terror attack in Saudi

The Iran-backed Houthi terrorist group attacked an Aramco oil refinery in Saudi Arabia and a critical Red Sea port on Sunday, killing at least seven people, officials said.

A fire broke out at the Aramco refinery in Jazan early Sunday after it was struck by a Houthi drone, claimed Yahya Saree, a military spokesperson for the terrorist group.

It was a response to the latest Saudi retaliatory drone attack in the Houthi-controlled provinces of Hajjah and Saada, Saree claimed.

Reuters

"The competent authorities are completing the necessary procedures to deal with the incident," Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Energy said in a statement, adding that no one was injured.

The strike on the Aramco refinery coincided with a Houthi missile and drone attack on the Red Sea port of Mokha (inset), which is controlled by the Saudi-backed Yemen government.

The attack killed four troops and three civilians, with 15 others injured in the blasts, according to the National Resistance Forces, a Yemeni government-allied force.

The Mokha port serves as one of Yemen's key ports that was recently renovated and used to avoid the Houthi-held docks in Hodeida. *Ronny Reyes With Wires*

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Homing in on phoney Fauci

SEN. Rand Paul is examining Dr. Anthony Fauci's government-issued phone and says he is taking a special interest in whether it contains evidence of "deletions."

That's significant because Fauci's former factotum, David Morens, is awaiting trial on charges of concealing and destroying government records, allegedly on behalf of his boss, and is facing up to 51 years in prison. Not that many people know that, since only one reporter covered his arraignment in May: The Post's own Josh Christenson.

Paul may have bigger ambitions for Fauci than the criminal referral for contempt of Congress he sent off to the DOJ last week, after the former COVID czar pleaded the Fifth an excruciating 111 times in his Senate committee testimony rather than come clean with the American people about why he funded dangerous gain-of-function research in China's Wuhan lab.

If Fauci can be shown to have concealed or destroyed government records, then he could find himself sitting alongside Morens in the dock, depending on how robust his last-minute pre-emptive autopen pardon from Joe Biden proves to be.

Already on record

In previous data dumps from Paul's Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Fauci is already on record telling two associates to delete emails.

On February 2, 2020, in the early stages of the pandemic, Fauci wrote to his boss Dr. Francis Collins, then director of the NIH, about the WHO's handling of questions about the origins of COVID: "Please delete this email after you read it."

On July 20, 2020, Fauci emailed his chief of staff, Greg Folkers, about Paul's accurate claim that Florida's handling of COVID was more successful than New York's, writing that the senator, a licensed doctor who volunteered at a Kentucky hospital during the pandemic, was "full of s--t", before instructing Folkers to "please delete this e-mail after you read it."

Fauci declared in sworn congressional testimony in 2024 that he never deleted official records and has repeatedly distanced himself from Morens and denied knowledge of the "secret back channel" Morens claimed in emails that he had to his boss.

Like the pardon of his son, Hunter, Joe Biden's retrospective pardon covered Fauci for any offenses he may have committed in the seven years between Jan. 1, 2014, and the end of Biden's term in January 2025, related to his work as director of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, a member of the White House's COVID-19 task force and chief medical adviser to the president.

The unusual start date of the pardon, six years before the pandemic began, suggests some of Fauci's legal problems are connected to the period when he was funding dangerous gain-of-function research on bat coronaviruses at the Wuhan Institute of Virology from which a lab leak is believed to have sparked the global health crisis that led to millions of deaths.

Pardon's long cover

Fauci's pardon covers the Obama administration's Oct. 17, 2014, moratorium on gain-of-function funding to prevent experiments that could make certain viruses more potent and more infectious to humans, a safety measure driven by a group of scientists worried about the potential of a lab leak to spark a lethal pandemic.

The pardon covers Fauci's June 2014 grant to EcoHealth Alliance, that outsourced the Frankenstein research to the Wuhan lab, whose subpar biosecurity made it more likely to suffer a mishap.

Fauci and Collins have categorically denied that they funded the research at Wuhan, but the funding path via cutout EcoHealth is documented and undeniable, as is Fauci and Morens' pally relationship with EcoHealth head Peter Daszak. Included in the case against Morens are allegations he accepted bottles of wine from an unnamed co-conspirator reported to be Daszak.

Paul has claimed that Fauci is playing semantics over the definition of "gain-of function"and that the once all-powerful health bureaucrat should be jailed for his role in the deaths of "somewhere between 10 and 20 million" people during the pandemic.

Even if the Biden pardon withstands legal challenge, several Republican state attorneys general, including in Florida and Louisiana, opened investigations into Fauci, 85, after his Senate testimony and the release of his diary, over potential state crimes such as self-dealing.

Fauci's government-issued phone was uncovered last June by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., according to FBI Director Kash Patel, who told podcaster Joe Rogan at the time about the "great breakthrough."

"We think that there was definite foul play … That's what we're working on," Patel told Rogan last June.

Media protection

Kennedy also discovered Fauci's embarrassing diary entries after scouring government computers for "about eight months to dig these out of 11 separate servers where they had been sequestered and secreted," Kennedy told Fox News.

Earlier this month, HHS transferred a forensic copy of the phone to Paul and Sen. Ron Johnson's committee, whose investigators are examining it for evidence of who knew what, when, and potentially what role Collins played in the Wuhan funding and the initial cover-up of the origins of COVID.

Paul told Mark Halperin's podcast last week that his investigators were searching for evidence of deleted material on the phone and any "indication someone has cleaned up or wiped the phone."

If such evidence is found, it would place Fauci in the same boat as Morens.

When given an opportunity in his Senate testimony to defend Morens, Fauci pleaded the Fifth and let him swing. Fauci has repeatedly distanced himself from the man who had been his friend, a frequent guest to his house, a senior adviser of 16 years and co-author of more than 50 scientific papers.

Nobody would be surprised if Morens repaid the disloyalty by offering to testify against Fauci if he were offered a plea deal.

So far, all that is known about the opaque case is that Morens declared his innocence at his arraignment. The fact that only one journalist bothered showing up is a troubling sign of the ongoing media and Democrat protection of Fauci.

Nixes new proposal to disarm Hamas

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NO RETREAT: PM Benjamin Netanyahu (below) says Israel will not leave the Gaza Strip until Hamas (above) "genuinely" lays down its weapons.

BIBI: NO TO 'PEACE' PLAN

By RYAN KING

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has fully rejected a 15-point plan to disarm Hamas after President Trump announced a breakthrough last week in which his Board of Peace announced a deal with the terror group.

Trump claimed last month that his panel cut a deal with Hamas for the terror group to disarm in exchange for Israel withdrawing from the Gaza Strip, but Netanyahu voiced skepticism.

"I want to be precise here: Israel rejects the 15-point document," Netanyahu said at a weekend cabinet meeting. He said Israel will "not withdraw at all until Hamas is genuinely disarmed and will continue to thwart threats against our forces and citizens."

"We are now discussing this with the Americans," the Israeli leader said. "They have ideas, some of which are acceptable to us and some are not, and we know how to stand up to those things.

"As long as I am prime minister, no Palestinian state will be established — not in Gaza and not in the West Bank," he added.

Despite their once famously chummy relationship, Netanyahu and Trump have been at odds over key details of the president's push for peace in the region.

Last October, Trump's administration cut a 20-point Gaza peace plan, featuring three phases: cease-fire and humanitarian support, demilitarization and reconstruction, and recognition of a Palestinian state.

Abundant discord

Trump's team has been working to get into phase two of that overarching plan, and the president is the chair of the Board of Peace overseeing the effort.

The 15-point proposal Trump announced last month had been seen as a potential breakthrough. Hamas and other Palestinian groups conditioned agreeing to the proposal on Israel committing to moving its forces back to the "yellow line" in the 20-point plan.

Israel has forces on the ground in over half of the Gaza Strip, including in its east and south. Some members of Netanyahu's cabinet have expressed interest in expanding the footprint in the Palestinian enclave.

Hamas also insisted that Israel cease all strikes in the Gaza Strip.

"Contrary to all those who preach to us, we do what must be done for Israel's security and we can and will stand our ground even against our best friends when necessary," Netanyahu said Sunday.

After Netanyahu revealed his opposition to the 15-point plan, a top leader in Hamas demanded the US pressure the Israeli leader to get on board.

"We expect the mediators and the American guarantor to pressure Netanyahu and his government to adhere to the roadmap and not obstruct the process for internal political and electoral reasons," Bassem Naim, a member of Hamas' politburo, posted on X.

Netanyahu is facing an election in October, and his coalition is under water in a lot of polling.

He met with Trump and Vice President JD Vance when he was in Washington last month for the funeral of Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Naked nut nab in slay

A naked college swim star allegedly bludgeoned a security guard to death using a five-gallon water bottle in an overnight attack at a Hawaiian beachfront resort.

Legend Storer, who was a student-athlete at Concordia University Irvine in California, was charged in the slaying of Michael Dyer at the Sands of Kahana resort in Maui on Aug. 7, Hawaii News Now reported.

The naked menace, 20, was caught on surveillance cameras making his way to Dyer's office at around 1:45 a.m. Dyer, 63, was on his lunch break when Storer broke in and allegedly launched the deadly attack.

"He was a great person and he was just in his office having a cheeseburger on his lunch break. And he had a wife," Dyer's co-worker Bell Hill told the outlet.

Storer was captured after officers responded to reports of a naked man wandering around a nearby neighborhood roughly two hours later. He was taken to a hospital for an evaluation.

Police connected the naked swimmer to Dyer's death after reviewing the building's security footage.

Storer is charged with second-degree murder and other offenses, according to court records The Post viewed. *Nicholas McEntyre*

Conned out of jewels

A woman in Queens was conned out of $5,000 worth of jewelry after two men who claimed they couldn't collect a lottery jackpot because of their immigration status convinced her to trade her bling for their "winning" ticket, police said.

It wasn't immediately clear how much the grifters told the 69-year-old woman, whom they approached Saturday around 10:50 a.m. in front of 86-75 78 St. in Woodhaven, the jackpot was worth.

Cops said that the thieves then asked her if she'd buy pain medication for them, and they fled after she entered a store. *David DeTurris*

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Hammer's new romance axed

ARMIE Hammer's romance with **Reagan Newman** fizzled out fast.

The actor and social media strategist sparked dating rumors when they were photographed kissing at Pace restaurant in the Hollywood Hills in mid-June. A source told Page Six at the time that they met through their mutual stylist friend and had been on multiple dates in only a few weeks. But now, we are hearing it's over before it even really began.

"They cooled it down," says a source. "It was mutual. It was really hot, really fast, and they both had to put the brakes on it. There was no drama."

The source further explained, "He needs to focus on his career, and she needs to focus on hers."

A rep for Newman tells us, "They are still really good friends on good terms." A rep for Hammer did not respond to a request for comment. Newman — whose LinkedIn lists her as a fashion stylist, social media strategist and photo director — doesn't seem to be taking a break from dating.

The redhead has been posting herself getting ready for dates on her TikTok. She posted last week about going on a second date. When a commenter asked her, "Are you dating Armie Hammer," she responded, "No mama." Though maybe it is all work? She also posted herself getting ready for a date at Sunset Tower, and it was a paid ad for dating app Bumble.

Meanwhile, Hammer has been trying to make a comeback. He is starring in the controversial movie "Citizen Vigilante," in which his character goes on a gory killing spree against immigrants.

The "Call Me by Your Name" star was dropped by his agent and subsequently lost film roles in 2021 amid the swirl of sexual misconduct allegations made against him, including that he allegedly sent disturbing text messages about BDSM and cannibalistic fantasies.

Hammer's attorney previously said his client maintained all interactions with sexual partners were consensual.

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Take my chopper

YOU won't see this billionaire on the Jitney. We hear radio mogul **John Catsimatidis** was spared the indignity of bumper-to-bumper traffic heading to the Hamptons thanks to one well-connected friend. We hear precious-metals mogul **Andy Sabin** dispatched a private helicopter to take the grocery store magnate out East for his annual summer bash at his Amagansett estate. Sabin had legendary Rao's executive chef **Dino Gatto** commanding the kitchen, with those at the fete branding the helicopter "The Rao's Express." We're told Sabin has brought Gatto in to cook for his pals for over 25 years, making it one of the most coveted culinary traditions on the East End.

Nups of an 'angel'

TALLULAH Willis is off the market! The 32-year-old daughter of **Bruce Willis** and **Demi Moore** married musician **Justin Acee** in Sun Valley, Idaho, Saturday. Ahead of the wedding, Tallulah's older sister **Scout** posted a pic of the happy couple getting their marriage license at Blaine County Courthouse in Hailey, Idaho. "My angels got their marriage license," Scout, 35, shared last week. Tallulah (above) and Justin have been dating since January 2023 and got engaged in December 2024, which Tallulah shared on Instagram.

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Brooke Shields is the cool girl songs are written about at the Alice + Olivia musical "Legends" party over the weekend in Southampton.

Crane lifts barman

MEATPACKING hot spot Crane Club has snagged Overstory's **Harrison Ginsberg** to helm their latest spot, Bar CC, Page Six has learned. "We got this incredible mastermind genius, the guy behind Overstory and Crown Shy. Really talented mixologist. He uses 100 ingredients for his drinks," Tao Group's **Noah Tepperberg** told us. Bar CC will debut in September during New York Fashion Week, and "it's going to be very exclusive. The actual bar is 25 seats, so it's going to be tight reservations," Tepperberg said. Bar CC will occupy the shuttered Mel's Pizzeria.

On an Ep-ic run

PETER Simel, who went viral for his resemblance to Jeffrey Epstein, is turning heads in the Hamptons. "People can think what they want. I can't control what they think," Simel, known online as "Palm Beach Pete," told us at a party in Southampton. Instead of hiding from the attention, Simel has turned it into a social media following, particularly among Gen Z. "This 71-year-old is having a blast," he said. And he's not about to dye his hair or grow a beard. "I'm happy with my look," he said. Simel also said he's running for mayor of the Florida enclave in 2028. "Let's make Palm Beach cool and hip."

Give them props

PULITZER Prize-winning author Wendy Wasserstein's play "An American Daughter" is making a bang off-Broadway with a wobbly prop that went kerplop. During a recent show, **Jean Lichty**, who stars as the witty play's main character, went to take a seat on set when the chair unceremoniously collapsed under her, according to a source. "Both Lichty and the audience audibly gasped," says the playgoer. But the show must go on! We're told Lichty (above) quickly recovered, and she and her costars — including **Robert Sean Leonard**, Tony Award nominee **Montego Glover** and Drama Desk Award winner **Ryan Spahn** — carried on without missing a beat, earning a standing ovation at the curtain call. The play officially opens tomorrow on the Irene Diamond Stage at the Pershing Square Signature Center.

Pup benefit fetches surprise DJ

A pack of pups greeted guests at animal welfare benefit Padel for a Purpose, hosted by Brady Hunter Foundation founder **Josh Fox**, who is co-creator and executive producer of CBS's "Extraordinary World With **Jeff Corwin**." We hear **Kyle Lutnick**, executive vice chairman of Cantor Fitzgerald, made a rare appearance in the DJ booth for a surprise set at the foundation's fund-raiser in Bridgehampton. "I was delighted to support the event by dusting off the decks for a brief cameo. Was great to see so many people come together to make a real difference for some truly deserving causes." His dad, Commerce Secretary **Howard Lutnick**, was not at the event but showed his support by promising a generous contribution. Guests at the bash, which raised $250,000, included "Owning Manhattan" star **Jordan March**, **Caitlin Sinclair**, entrepreneur **Richie Hosein**, DJ **Robert Beer**, p.r. executives **Adam Weiss** and **John Arundel** and former UFC standout **Al Iaquinta**.

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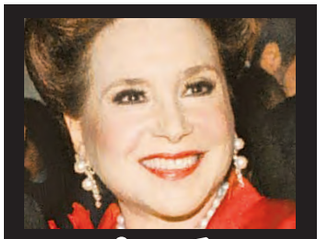

Cindy Adams

NEW magazine issues are rejuicing old stories on people who've gone. The New Yorker's Aug. 10 edition has multiple pages on the late lawyer Roy Cohn once babysitting **Donald Trump**.

I was at their beginning 50 years ago. I knew both well. The magazine story repeatedly mentions me.

Like Ronald Reagan's Screen Actors Guild, my husband was president of NYC's American Guild of Variety Artists. Joey Adams emceed all major events. Gala Waldorf dinner. VIP dais. Joey at the mike. Roy needed that connection. They became close. He gave Joey's birthday party. As Joey's young wife, I was nobody.

Cohn's home? East 68th mansion. Upstairs, a law library. The fabulous volumes — golden pages open, on the floor, stepped on, spilled coffee dribbled on. Me: "How can you do this to these precious books?" Roy: "Who cares? Just give me the judge."

Roy took me to then-elegant French restaurant La Grenouille. Arriving, he told its maitre: "The check is in the mail."

Above the law

He never paid bills. Joey brought him to our antique dealer. He selected three items. Lamp, vase, table. Six months passed. Never paid. Housekeeper Elvira knew me well, so one afternoon, my driver and I just arrived at his home, walked in, repossessed the items and delivered all back to the dealer. That night, Roy took me to dinner. Never *ever* mentioned one word about what happened.

Lawyer Roy Cohn, who was a firm **Trump** supporter before his presidency, is back in the news.

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One Joey birthday, we planned a party in Hong Kong. Suddenly, Roy arrived. Nobody knew he was coming. Nobody invited him. He flew in without telling anyone. Then he canceled all our dinner plans while inviting those he knew to a place he also knew.

Legal opinion

Roy perennially told Donald he could be president. Then came that moment it actually happened. Donald's elected. First time. We — just we two alone — nobody near us. In his Trump Tower office. We're standing close together, speechless, staring at multiple wall-size TVs. His family behind a barrier of desks. Staffers behind man-made gates. Workers behind them. Nobody around us. Nobody speaking. Or breathing.

And all he said to me was: "You remember what Roy said?"

Then, when major trouble hit him early on, all he said to me was: "I wish Roy were here now." Roy couldn't have cared less about me. That was until 1981, when I joined the New York Post and he then figured there was a possibility I could be useful.

I wasn't. He only organized one accomplishment. I'd signed to do a book on Estée Lauder. Her people then got in touch with their new great lawyer, Roy Cohn. Although I stayed far away from him, I somehow never did get to complete my bio on Estée Lauder.

The quiet one who did magician Roy's work and smoothed his schemes was lawyer Tom Bolan. Phone operator Christine, on every call, monitored every word probably starting with Alexander Graham Bell. My home has a large silver ashtray autographed, etched with a long thank-you in Roy's handwriting, to Joey. I was there fresh after his face-lift and, maybe too soon, when Roy engaged much too soon with one of his friends in what this friend should not have been then engaged in that soon.

And Roy's almost-every-day lunch was a tuna fish sandwich.

Yes, I knew Roy Cohn.

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Monday

Today: Hazy sun and hot. High 88 to 94.

Tonight: Humid; a t storm around early. Low 71 to 77.

Tuesday

Tomorrow: Very warm; a t storm around in the p.m.. High 86 to 92.

Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy. Low 70 to 76.

Wednesday

Clouds and sun. High 81 to 87.

Evening A stray t storm. Low 68 to 74.

Thursday

A stray t storm. High 82 to 88.

Evening Clear. Low 66 to 72.

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Temperature
High: 88, Low: 75, Mean: 82

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: +5 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00 , Month: 3.14 ,
Year: 25.85 , Normal year to date: 29.73

Cooling Degree days yesterday.....17
Total for the month (normal).....126 (109)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal).....886 (810)
Last year to date.....865
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 91
UV index (for Mon.) ..... 9 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 59%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Weeds, Grasses
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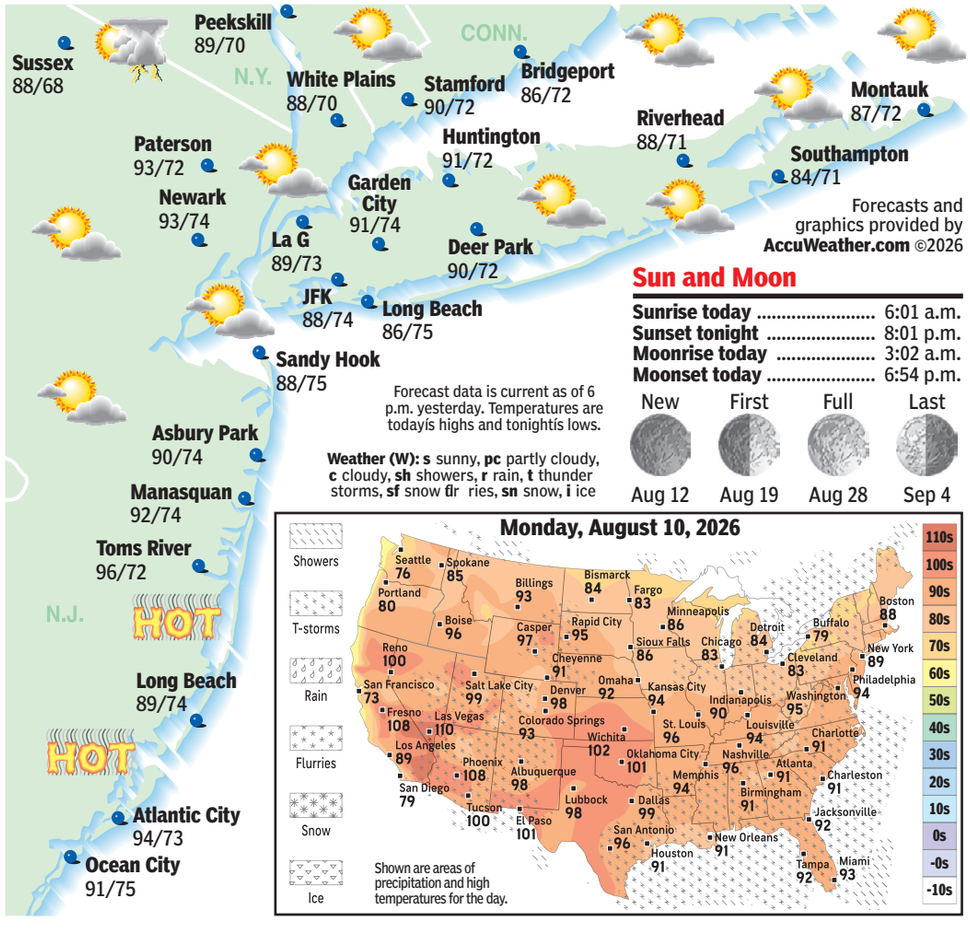

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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:01 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:01 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:02 a.m.
Moonset today	6:54 p.m.

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Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 28	Sep 4

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New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	6:11a	6:35p	7:09a	7:29p
Fire Island	6:04a	6:47p	7:01a	7:41p
Hempstead	10:11a	10:28p	11:07a	11:23p
Huntington	9:56a	10:16p	10:53a	11:12p
Jones Inlet	5:55a	6:19p	6:53a	7:13p
Montauk Point	7:11a	7:49p	8:06a	8:39p
Port Washington	10:19a	10:35p	11:15a	11:31p
Sandy Hook	6:15a	6:39p	7:13a	7:33p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	81/67/t	82/60/pc
Danbury	87/68/pc	85/62/pc
Glens Falls	79/63/t	82/56/pc
Gr Barrington	84/66/pc	81/60/pc
Kingston	86/67/t	85/59/pc
Liberty	81/65/t	81/58/pc
Monticello	80/65/t	80/58/pc
Newburgh	88/69/t	86/60/pc
Poughkeepsie	86/67/pc	85/60/pc
Saratoga Springs	81/66/t	85/59/pc
Stroudsburg	89/68/t	86/61/t
Torrington	87/67/pc	83/59/pc
Syracuse	80/67/t	82/61/pc

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	94/80/s	96/79/s
Baghdad	118/89/s	120/93/pc
Beijing	91/74/s	89/75/t
Berlin	86/55/pc	72/51/pc
Cairo	101/79/pc	104/80/pc
Dublin	66/52/pc	78/59/pc
Geneva	91/65/t	90/65/t
Hong Kong	97/85/pc	97/86/s
Jerusalem	91/72/s	90/72/s
Kabul	92/69/pc	93/69/pc
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Mexico City	76/58/r	77/55/sh
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Moscow	77/57/s	78/55/c
Paris	89/65/s	89/64/s
Rio de Janeiro	73/66/r	70/66/sh
Rome	94/71/s	95/73/s
Sydney	64/58/pc	72/51/s
Tokyo	91/72/t	84/73/c

ND mom in fatal kids slay

A North Dakota mother allegedly hacked two of her children to death in a "horrific" stabbing rampage that left her home so bloody even hardened cops were traumatized, police said.

Kailey Erhart, 22, flew into a manic episode Thursday and stabbed her 5-month-old and 3-year-old kids to death after waving a gun at her estranged husband and threatening to kill herself, cops said. Miraculously, her 1-year-old child survived the attack, but with serious injuries.

"A scene like that is something that nobody should ever have to see, and the way [the officers] came through in one of the most horrific times that they'll probably experience in their life, I'm proud," Mandan Police Chief Jason Ziegler said at a press conference.

The children's father and grandmother were at the home at the time of the killings. The grandmother told police that Erhart chased her and the dad out of the house before the bloodbath.

Erhart faces two counts of Class AA felony murder, one count of attempted murder, and multiple counts of aggravated assault and terrorizing, according to court documents obtained by The Post.

Daniel Cody

West Bank town closed

Israel's military on Sunday closed the West Bank village of Taybeh to nonresidents, saying it aimed to prevent growing attacks on Palestinians by Israeli settlers across the West Bank.

The order, the military said, applies only to Israelis and not to Palestinians. A spokesperson said turning Taybeh into a closed military zone was "due to some violent attacks by Israelis in the region."

Taybeh is one of the only Christian villages remaining in the West Bank and was visited last year by the Greek Orthodox patriarch and the Roman Catholic cardinal of Jerusalem. *Reuters*

Argentine sues over stolen 'Holy Grail' gun

By ALEX DIAZ

The "most valuable pistol on Earth" — a reputed $42 million Luger that belonged to Adolf Hitler — is at the center of a sensational court battle involving an appliance repairman and a cop in Argentina.

The weapon — described as the "Holy Grail of firearms" — was allegedly swiped during a SWAT-style raid by masked officers at repairman Juan Pablo Ruppel's home in rural Buenos Aires province in 2016.

"It's a one-of-a-kind piece, and there is no question that it is the most valuable semiautomatic handgun in the world," the 48-year-old dad of four told The Post in his first interview since a recent court ruling in the case.

Ruppel — who inherited the haunting historic "ghost of the Third Reich" from his German great-uncle and former Hitler bodyguard, Hans Ruppel — had been accused of stealing minor items such as plates, glasses and cutlery at the time of the raid, his suit says.

'Third Reich ghost'

He was never charged over the allegations — but that didn't stop a crooked cop from swiping the alleged legendary Luger from his home, according to the lawsuit.

The make of the gun, a Luger Parabellum .45 caliber No. 5, is one of only five 1907 prototypes forged by the late famed Georg Luger — and already so legendary that it was mentioned by Michael Douglas' character Gordon Gekko in the hit 1987 flick "Wall Street" as "the rarest pistol in the world."

But it's the Hitler provenance that makes it an invaluable — even if chilling — piece of history, experts said.

"To understand the stakes here, you have to understand that this isn't just a beautiful firearm; it is a ghost of the Third Reich, the most valuable pistol on Earth," said British investigative journalist Laurence de Mello, who is leading the family's independent investigation into the missing gun as they continue to search for it.

The gun's 1979 firearms owner license listed in Argentina's national registry has a Buenos Aires address — where heinous Nazi "Angel of Death" Josef Mengele lived for more than two years before fleeing the Argentine capital.

The Luger No. 5 also is described in an Interpol notice as having the inscription "Adolf Hitler" on it.

Juan Pablo says Hans told him that it belonged to Hitler and was taken to Argentina in 1948 with the help of the country's president at the time, Juan Domingo Perón.

OH, SHOOT! Juan Pablo Ruppel (above) inherited the gun (not pictured) from his German great-uncle Hans Ruppel (bottom left), who served as Adolf Hitler's bodyguard. It was taken to Argentina in 1948 with the help of then-President Juan Domingo Perón.

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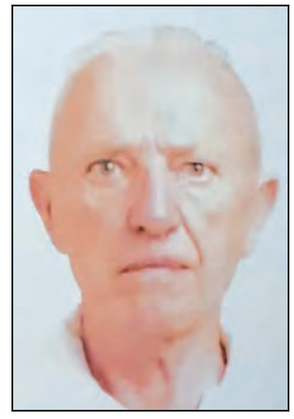

"I've been saying the same thing for 10 years: If someone offered me either $50 million or getting the gun back, I would choose the gun every time," Ruppel told The Post.

"But since it still hasn't turned up and I can't keep waiting, I want the government to pay up."

Ruppel is suing the Buenos Aires Ministry of Security for compensation for the gun, which was never returned to him after it disappeared while in police custody.

A civil court this month held the agency liable for $15,000 plus interest for now, pending an independent expert's analysis of its current worth — which Ruppel's lawsuit puts at around $42 million.

The two cops who led the raid on Ruppel's home are due to go on trial on criminal charges of aggravated theft and breach of the duties of a public officer in March next year.

Ruppel told The Post that his great-uncle Hans — who was his grandfather's brother and had no children of his own — gave him the Luger No. 5 as a birthday present.

Hans Ruppel had served in the SS Division Leibstandarte — Hitler's personal bodyguard unit — during the Second World War and fled to Argentina in 1945.

He was not involved in Mengele's war crimes and was never accused in connection with Nazi atrocities during World War II, de Mello said.

'No surprise'

"After 25 years tracking post-war Nazi escape routes into South America, I know exactly how high-profile figures, U-boats and priceless assets slipped into Argentina," she told The Post.

"Finding Georg Luger's pristine Parabellum .45 Caliber No. 5 — the Holy Grail of firearms — inside a rural electrician's home is no surprise to me," she continued. "What is incredible, is that provincial cops conducted a raid on a false premise to get it and knew exactly what they were looking for. They took it into state custody and the state simply cannot find it.

"This smells worse than one dirty cop."

Biz plug at education meeting

Ethics rap vs. '1619' hubby

By CARL CAMPANILE and DAVID SPECTOR

An ethics complaint has been slapped against the husband of Nikole Hannah-Jones, the woke New York Times scribe behind the controversial "1619 Project" — for shamelessly plugging his new bookstore and bar at a recent public-education meeting he helped run.

"Being that the July 29, 2026, [Panel for Educational Policy] hearing is an official proceeding of a City body, the members' seats and speaking time exist to serve the public's business, not to advertise the members' private commercial ventures," fumed the watchdog group NYC Common Sense in an Aug. 6 letter to the city's Conflicts of Interest Board, which oversees the conduct of public officials.

Faraji Hannah-Jones is a member of the PEP and serves as chairman of the policy-making board's contracts committee.

During its July 29 hearing at the HS for Fashion Industries in Chelsea, he used his speaking time to advertise that he and his wife are planning to open a bookstore in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, that will push "banned" books.

"My wife and I are building an institution in Brooklyn, in Bed-Stuy, called North Star Books and Bar," Faraji said.

North Star Books and Bar is set to open sometime in 2026 on Macon Street and is named after the abolitionist newspaper founded by Frederick Douglass.

Faraji, who joined the PEP in 2025, promised that North Star Books would be a "huge bookstore" and would sell "all the books that are banned," while his fellow PEP members looked on.

Its bar, whose liquor license is pending, will sell "black-owned spirits," according to its website.

'Thorough review'

NYC Common Sense cried foul.

"The City's conflicts of interest law, Chapter 68 of the New York City Charter, was written with the precise interest of preventing this blending of public office and private gain," according to its letter to the COIB.

"Charter Section 2604(b)(3) provides that '[n]o public servant shall use or attempt to use his or her position as a public servant to obtain any financial gain, contract, license, privilege or other private or personal advantage, direct or indirect, for the public servant or any person or firm associated with the public servant."

Faraji used his position and allotted time at an official PEP hearing to promote a business in which he has a financial interest, the complaint said.

"Regardless of the outcome of any potential investigation, conduct of this nature deserves a thorough review to maintain confidence in the City's accountability promises," NYC Common Sense said.

A representative with the Conflicts of Interest Board said the COIB is prohibited from disclosing whether it has received a complaint or what action it may have or has taken in response.

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PROJECT: Nikole (left) and Faraji Hannah-Jones are planning to open a bookstore and bar in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn.

'GLP-1 link' to death of student

The sudden death of a California law student, who was found in her London dorm room, has been linked to a popular weight loss drug, an inquest heard.

Josephine Nasr, 19, died of a cardiac arrhythmia in her room at the University of East London in September 2025, an East London Coroner's Court heard last week, the Daily Mail reported.

The second-year law student studying abroad had been prescribed tirzepatide by her doctor in California, and an empty vial of the popular weight loss drug was discovered by university staff who found her on Sept. 23, 2025, the outlet reported.

Nasr had a body mass index that indicated she was overweight, not obese.

She died just a week after visiting her home in a gated community in Corona, the inquest heard.

The 19-year-old had told her father, George Nasr, her mother, Lorin Mansour, and her sister, Anastasia Nasr, that she was feeling nauseous and had been vomiting around 8:30 p.m. that evening, the Mail reported.

Anastasia Nasr, who was concerned her sister was becoming dehydrated from the vomiting, called a private healthcare provider so the college student could get IV fluids, the inquest heard.

But after Josephine Nasr stopped answering, the concerned sibling called the university to do a welfare check — with security staff and a nurse discovering her lying on the bathroom floor.

Zoe Hussain

Teen 'gunmaker' adult raps

A Florida middle school student was arrested and charged as an adult earlier this year after allegedly creating his own homemade guns and explosives in preparation for a robbery, authorities said this week.

The investigation into Julian Davis, 14, and his 13-year-old friend began April 27, when St. Johns County sheriff's deputies received a tip that the boys had been messaging each other about "holding someone at gunpoint" to rob them, according to an arrest report.

The alleged texts contained information about building a shotgun and musket and obtaining zip ties, according to the arrest report.

Davis was charged as an adult with multiple gun and explosives offenses.

Davis and his friend were both charged with conspiracy to commit a robbery with a gun. The younger boy was not charged as an adult. *Fox News*

Copter crash pilots dead

Two helicopter pilots who crashed while they were fighting a wildfire in Utah are dead, officials confirmed Saturday.

The pilots were killed when their Sikorsky Skycrane helicopter went down Friday morning, according to the Sevier County Sheriff.

The helicopter was among those fighting a fire in the Fishlake National Forest.

The crash ignited a new fire that spread to connect with the existing blaze, which has now scorched nearly 174 square miles.

Officials did not identify the pilots but said they were employed by Helicopter Transport Services, which was contracted by the US Forest Service.

Initially officials said they were unable to reach the crash site because of the fire. Then, on Saturday, crews were able to enter the area and confirmed the deaths. *AP*

TRACY DARYL MINGO
"Master of Disguise."

10-store 'robbery spree'

An Atlanta-area man dubbed the "Master of Disguise" is accused of robbing 10 stores at gunpoint during his monthslong "reign of terror."

Tracy Daryl Mingo, 33, of College Park, Ga., was arraigned Thursday on 20 federal counts tied to the alleged robberies, which took place between October 2025 and January 2026, per the Department of Justice.

Mingo allegedly targeted Circle K, Subway and Family Dollar stores in College Park, Decatur, East Point, Fairburn, Marietta and Union City, hitting the businesses late at night when few or no customers remained.

In each case, Mingo allegedly pulled a gun on store employees and demanded money, prosecutors said.

He also allegedly changed his appearance, wearing disguises that included outfits resembling a construction worker, healthcare professional and security guard. *Adam Silverstein*

'No aid from Zuck's ship'

Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg is facing questions after his $300 million superyacht didn't rush to help passengers stuck on a ship in Alaskan waters, according to a report.

The 387-foot monster ship, Launchpad, didn't act on requests for assistance when a 21-foot skiff ran out of fuel on a trip between Petersburg and Juneau, Alaska, on Monday night, the Alaska Beacon reported.

Instead, a small cruise ship, Wilderness Legacy, came to the vessel's help. *David DeTurris*

OVERNIGHT TERROR

18 die as Russia, Ukr. swap strikes

By RONNY REYES

Russia and Ukraine traded heavy blows overnight with hundreds of strikes that left at least 18 people dead and more than 100 injured.

Four people were killed in Kyiv during the Russian bombardment on civilian areas, including a 3-year-old boy and his grandparents, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said.

In Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, a Russian missile struck a high-rise apartment in the Saltivskyi district, killing three people and leaving 37 others wounded, according to regional authorities.

Moscow's defense ministry claimed that strikes in the Kharkiv region were aimed at Ukraine's drone warehouses.

Another six people were killed following airstrikes near the frontlines in Sumy, Kherson, and Donetsk, Kyiv added.

At least eight others were injured after Russia fired "dozens of missiles and drones" at Ukraine's Black Sea port of Odessa, local administration head Oleh Kiper said in a statement.

Patriot shortage

The Odessa strike included more than 200 drones targeting Ukrainian military equipment and fuel depots, according to Kyiv's air force.

Overall, Ukrainian officials said 13 people were killed and 90 others were left wounded in 24 hours.

Large-scale Russian missile strikes have become almost routine in recent weeks as Moscow seeks to exploit the shortage of US-made Patriot interceptors, which serves as the country's sole air defense weapon capable of downing ballistic missiles.

"Russia continues to bet on ballistic terror, which is not limited to just one city or community," Zelensky wrote on X.

"Every such attack on human life serves as a constant reminder — we need more pressure, more sanctions against Russia, and more air defense for Ukraine," he added.

Meanwhile, in Russia, a Ukrainian drone hit Belgorod and killed five people and left two dozen others injured, including a 4-year-old boy, according to regional officials.

Ukraine has ramped up its drone attacks, firing ever-escalating strikes deep within Russia.

At least 153 Ukrainian drones were intercepted overnight, with the unmanned aerial vehicles allegedly hitting 29 apartment blocks and five private houses, according to Russia.

Drone debris also fell over the city of Novorossiysk, which houses a major fuel terminal that links Russia to Kazakhstan's oil fields. *With Wires*

AFP via Getty Images

AFTERMATH: Burned-out cars litter Odessa, Ukraine, on Sunday in the wake of a Russian missile and drone attack on the Black Sea port.

Village seizures claimed

Russian forces have taken control of two villages in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region, the state-run RIA news agency reported Sunday, citing the Russian Defense Ministry.

The report on Telegram said Russian forces seized Vasyutinske, near the "fortress city" of Kramatorsk and Toretsk, southwest of the city of Druzhkivka.

Ukrainian forces made no acknowledgment of the two settlements changing hands and Reuters could not verify the battlefield reports independently.

Russia is slowly advancing westward through the Donetsk region, though there has been little significant change for months in the positions along the 775-mile front line.

Ukrainian war blog DeepState, which uses open-source reports in documenting the frontline positions of both sides, reported that Russian forces made advances near Illinivka, outside the contested city of Kostiantynivka.

It also reported Russian advances near Chasiv Yar, west of the city of Bakhmut, which fell to Russian forces in 2023 after long months of heavy fighting.

The Ukrainian military's General Staff, in a late evening report, said Kyiv's forces had repelled 24 attacks around Kostiantynivka, Illinivka and other centers. *Reuters*

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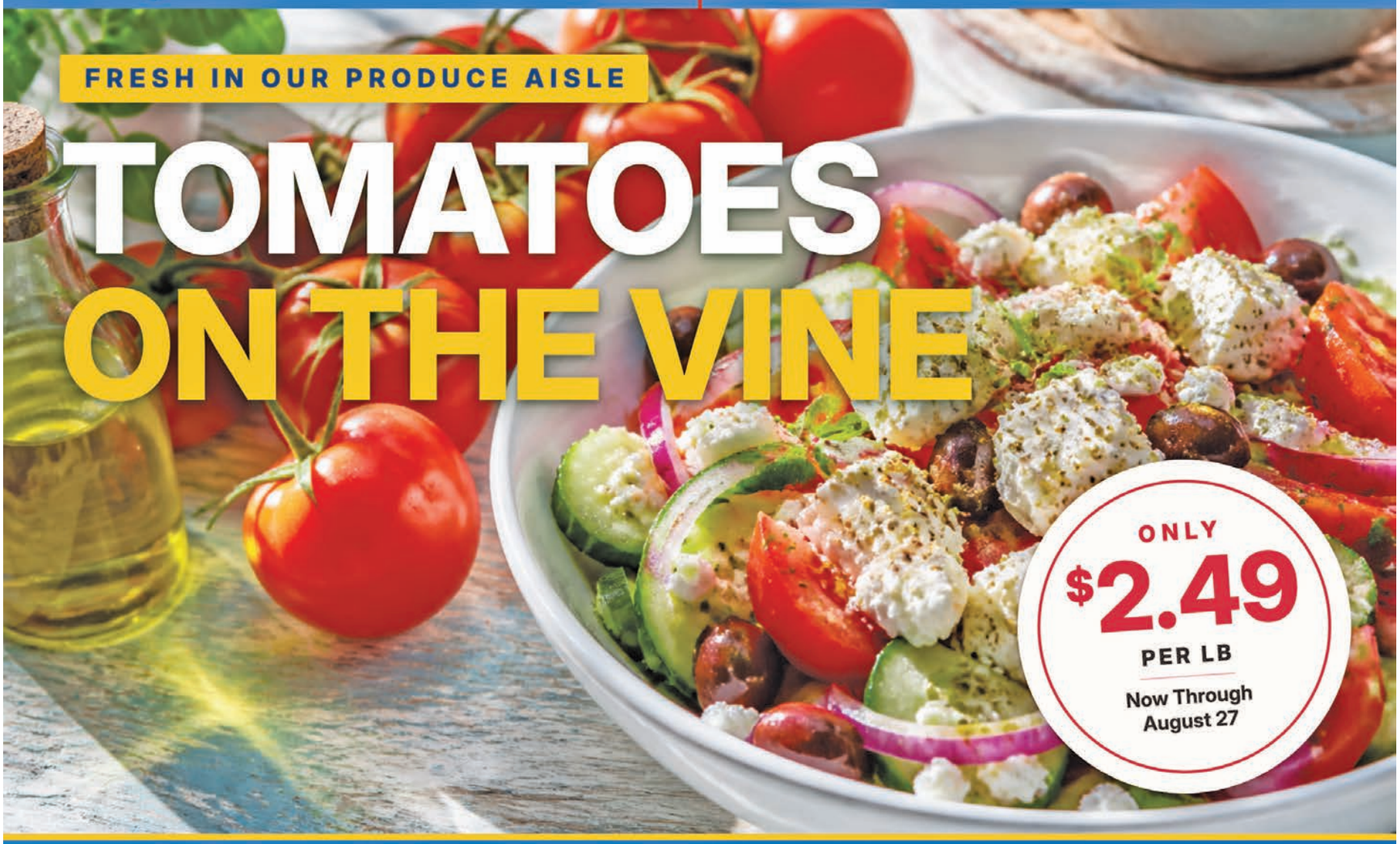

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Baseball cell ban a 'winner'

Screen time is outta here!

A Long Island baseball team is having its best season ever — now just a pair of wins away from the Little League World Series — as a self-imposed cellphone ban on game days has been an absolute hit with the 11- and 12-year-old boys.

"It makes me focused on the game and not thinking about other stuff," Port Washington Legends third baseman Jack Gomez told The Post.

"Whenever we go on our phones, it makes you stimulated, and you're just not focused for the day."

The team tradition to go distraction-free began with an idea from the coaches when Port Wash was playing in the New York state championship tournament in West Nyack in late July.

They started collecting the devices in a bucket five hours before first pitch.

"I think it's like an on button for us," said assistant coach Anthony Theoharis, whose sons Drew and Luca pitch and play the infield.

"Once they do that, they get locked in, and they beat a team," Theoharis added.

Naturally, the Gen Alpha boys were reluctant at first — especially after going an entire school year under a similar, state-mandated ban.

Alex Mitchell

Noah way! 'Real' Ark

The rock sitting atop the world's tallest mountain is loaded with ancient sea creature fossils, which some are claiming proves the Bible story of the floods and Noah's Ark were real events.

Rocks making up Mount Everest's summit contain fossilized remains of ancient marine creatures, proof that the highest point on the planet was once sitting at the bottom of the ocean, per a 2005 finding by the International Union of Geological Sciences.

"Doesn't the Bible mention something about that?" David J. Harris, a right-wing news host for Newsmax, wrote on X. *Brandon Cruz*

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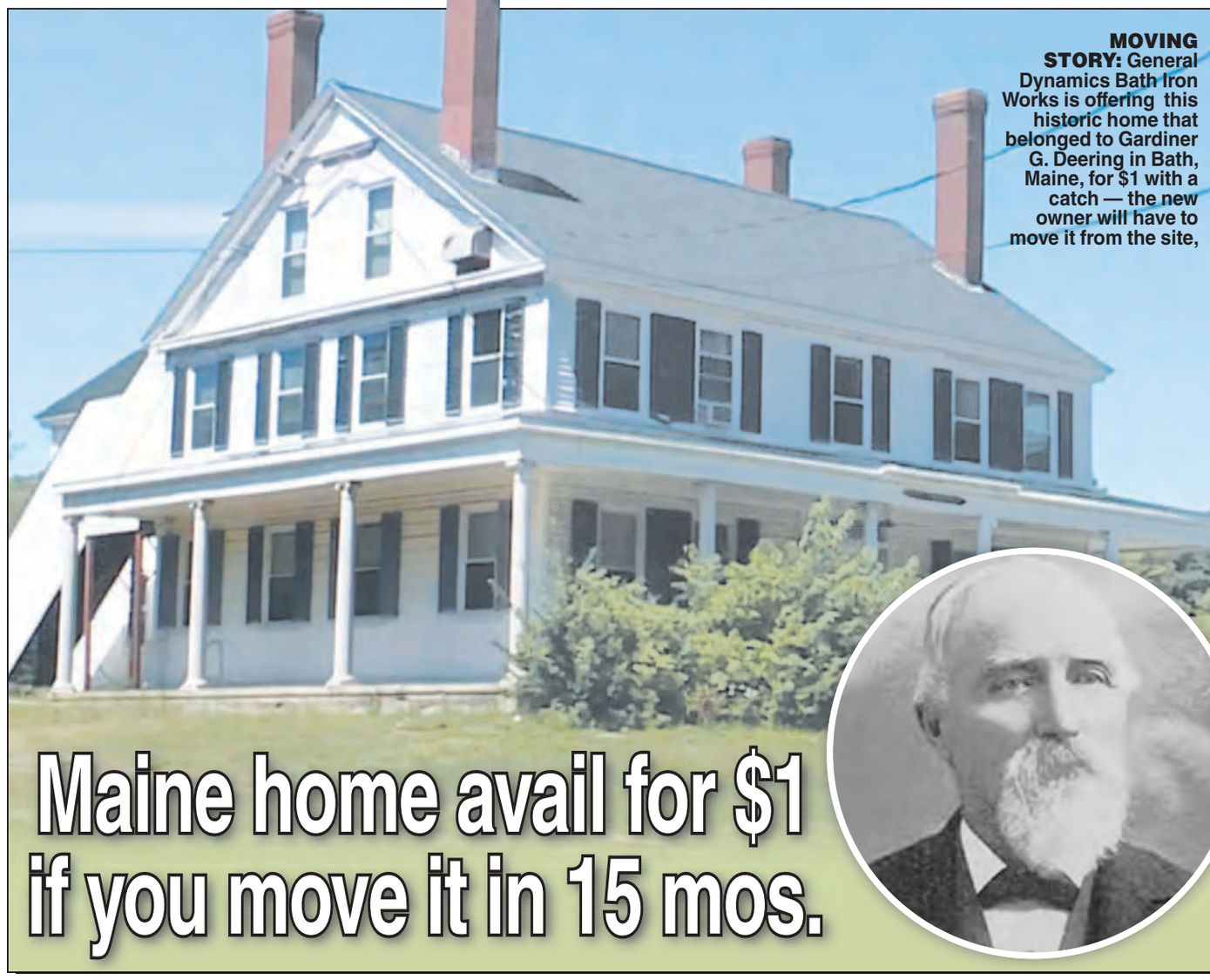

MOVING STORY: General Dynamics Bath Iron Works is offering this historic home that belonged to Gardiner G. Deering in Bath, Maine, for $1 with a catch — the new owner will have to move it from the site,

WMTW

Maine home avail for $1 if you move it in 15 mos.

By ADAM SILVERSTEIN

A historic home in one of Maine's seafaring towns known as the "City of Ships" hit the housing market for just $1 — but the buyer will have to move it, or it'll face demolition.

General Dynamics Bath Iron Works, a shipbuilder, announced Wednesday that it is selling two residential buildings for $1 each, including the circa-1900 Deering House at 606 Washington St. in Bath, Maine.

However, the buyer must relocate the buildings to a legally permitted site by Nov. 20, 2027.

The Deering House was originally the home of Gardiner G. Deering, a prominent shipbuilder who helped cement Bath's reputation as a major shipbuilding center in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The house is currently being used as office space, with tenants under lease through November 2027, WMTW reported.

Bath Iron Works says the buildings are being sold "as is, where is," with no warranties of any kind.

The buyer will be responsible for "all relocation costs, including permits, approvals, licensed structural movers, transportation, site prep, foundations, utilities, and related services."

Fingers crossed

The Deering House will be demolished to make room for a new Bath Iron Works facility if no buyers step in to save the residence.

"It's important for General Dynamics and Bath Iron Works to continue to be able to grow as a company and employ thousands of Mainers. We're looking for ways to improve our facilities," Jolene Nickerson, director of facilities capital at Bath Iron Works, said, WMTW reported.

"The hope is that there is somebody that has a viable lot to move this to, and that it's financially feasible for somebody who is interested in the house to relocate it and preserve the historic nature, which the community is very excited about," Nickerson added.

Bath was once known as the "City of Ships," and ranked third in the US in wooden-hulled vessel production in 1854, behind New York City and Boston, according to the city's government website.

Deering built 99 vessels during his career and operated a shipyard along the Kennebec River that helped make Bath a leading center of wooden shipbuilding before the Civil War ended the boom and "changed the face of the industry."

Jack Martin, archivist and special-collections librarian at the Patten Free Library, said saving the house would give its new owner a unique piece of Bath history.

"You would have a one-of-a-kind home and a great story," Martin said, according to WMTW.

"Not only do you have the history of the house that comes with it, then you also have the story of being the person who moved and saved a historic home — and that's fascinating."

Bath Iron Works said it has already received several inquiries about the buildings.

The idea of moving a historic Maine house is not unprecedented. In May, a 6,200-square-foot, three-story house designed by architect John Calvin Stevens in 1899 was moved about one-third of a mile through Augusta, the Kennebec Journal reported.

The 120,000-pound building was split into two sections and transported to a new lot — with the overall project costing more than $500,000. *asilverstein@nypost.com*

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Sally Brompton Daily Horoscope

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LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

If you have been thinking about starting a creative or artistic project, then now is the time to stop thinking and start acting. Having gone over it in your mind a thousand times already, you really don't need to prepare any further.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You may be a skeptic by nature, but what happens over the next few days will make it apparent that something you previously thought was nonsense actually has some truth behind it. Just don't go to the opposite extreme and become an uncritical believer.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Someone needs to take charge and start making things happen, and it looks as if that someone will have to be you. Use the influence of Venus in your sign today to upgrade your powers of persuasion and get everyone working alongside you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

This could be a make or break week for you on the career front as colleagues and employers look closely at your efforts and decide whether or not to back you. Most likely they will, but it's not the end of the world if they don't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

The task ahead of you may seem daunting, but you have confronted bigger challenges in the past and come out on top, so there is no reason to think you can't do it again. Fortunately, very few people possess as much self-belief as you!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

If someone you recently fell out with offers you an apology today, you must be big enough to accept it. Most likely you were as much to blame for the situation as they were, so let them know you appreciate their desire to move on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Venus links with Pluto in a way that will inspire you to search further afield for your fun. If you feel the urge to travel, then get moving soon, but don't forget that with Pluto moving retrograde, you will also need a fallback plan, just in case.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

If a friend or loved one guesses your big secret today, there will be no point trying to deny it. This is one of those occasions when the best way forward will be to brazen it out and pretend you don't care what other people think or say.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The more you look for something that is missing today, the more likely it is you won't find it, so focus on unrelated matters and don't be surprised when you locate the mislaid item where you least expect to, maybe right under your nose!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You may have your suspicions about what someone has been up to, and you may be right, but don't go public with it. Give them time to own up to whatever careless or unwise thing they have done. At the very least, you'll stay friends.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You won't lack for good ideas over the next few days, but not everyone will be as amazed by your brilliance as you seem to be. Maybe it's sour grapes on their part, or maybe they can see where you have not thought things through.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You need to cut through the confusion in your private life and get to the heart of a matter that has been causing a lot of people a lot of problems. There has been far too much suspicion of late and everyone needs to be more trusting in the future.

BIRTHDAY MONDAY

You have never been the sort to hide away at the back of the crowd and will do whatever it takes to get noticed this year. Just be careful you don't try too hard and attract the attention of people you might prefer not to know you exist!

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Mensches

Heroes like Boy George back Jews despite cost

Paying the price: Boy George's pro-Israel song spelled career suicide. FilmMagic

SOMETIMES, bravery is found in unexpected places. The recording artist known as Boy George was so moved by an exhibition in London dedicated to the Jews slaughtered, tortured, sexually assaulted and abducted on Oct. 7, 2023, at the Nova Music Festival in Israel — "The Moment Music Stood Still" — he recorded the hauntingly beautiful reggae tune "We Will Dance Again."

Some of the lyrics are openly supportive of the Jewish state, a risky move for an entertainer in the current climate: "You say genocide, I say war/ When you're attacked, that's what the army's for. / "Does it get ugly? You bet it does / When I know you want to kill every last one of us."

Other lines are heartbreakingly evocative, describing unflinchingly the brutality inflicted by Hamas savages on young people who gathered at Nova for joy and peace: "You never mention Oct. 7/ Young girls raped against trees/ Murdered brutally/ For the crime of dancing."

The song is tragic, at times chilling. And unforgettable. It also expresses the deep support and affection the singer/songwriter, 65, whose real name is George Alan O'Dowd, has for Israel and Jews.

ANDREA PEYSER

The gesture has spelled career suicide; The cancellation of the former Culture Club lead singer by virulent antisemites came on as swiftly and violently as a terrorist attack.

He was forced to withdraw from playing King Herod in a revival, ironically, of the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the London Palladium. He was set to portray the Jewish king who flamboyantly mocked the Jewish Jesus in a memorable scene, a role he was to take over this month.

Not only was his pro-Israel song removed from the online music-distribution platform Bandcamp, but his profile was dropped from the site as well. Bandcamp bosses, whom he called a "bunch of c--ts," were "bowing to the pressure of antisemites," the pop icon lamented.

He also parted ways with his record-label manager. It was the Jews or the manager. To Boy George, it was no contest.

George said he wanted to release his new pro-Israel track widely but complained that Tony Pontius, who ran his record label BGP for a number of years, was "unequivocal" in saying "I want nothing to do with this song." George said he responded, "OK, we are done."

"In Buddhism we understand that every action comes with a consequence," George posted to X. "Due to my decision to stand up for my Jewish friends I am losing a few people from my life."

A few, far too few, heroic figures defend Israel and the Jews while resisting intense pressure; they risk serious career damage for daring to step out of line.

One is Sen. John Fetterman. The Pennsylvanian has said his "red line" for leaving the Democratic Party will be reached if it officially becomes the anti-Israel party.

Fetterman, 56, withstood a cringe-worthy bout of hectoring this week by Jon Stewart on his podcast, "The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart." Stewart, 63, in essence, accused him of harboring dual loyalties for siding against the Democrats' left wing while standing with Israel.

"You could agree with [far leftists] 90%, but Israel is the red line?" Stewart asked. "Absolutely," Fetterman replied. "I can't ever turn my back to Israel after where it's at."

"I mean no disrespect on this," Stewart sneered, "but that is not our country." Fetterman tried to get the interview back on track. "I think what history demonstrates is that when people . . . turn their back to the Jewish community, things end really badly."

Stewart clapped back, "Jewish community and Israel are not the same thing, brother man. That is not the same thing."

Still, "brother man" didn't miss a beat, explaining to his hostile inquisitor that Israeli and American interests are one and the same.

"I'm always gonna stand with Israel," the senator insisted, "and I'm always gonna vote and support whatever's necessary to protect themselves and to prosecute Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran, too."

Other mensches and menschettes stand out: John Ondrasik, the singer/songwriter behind the band Five For Fighting, rewrote the lyrics of the hit song "Superman" to honor hostages then held by Hamas. He played a show in Hostage Square in Tel Aviv, defying calls for artists to boycott Israel, led by the odious Pink Floyd frontman Roger Waters, 82.

Meanwhile, Ondrasik, 61, has sharply criticized those in the music and entertainment industries for a "shameful silence" following Hamas' inhuman acts of Oct. 7.

Then there's the Scottish woman who went viral rocking out in her car, singing a peppy song in Hebrew in a deep brogue.

Boy George. John Fetterman. John Ondrasik. She joins a small but sublime list of brave folks who stand up for what's right, no matter the cost. I wish there were more like them.

FAST TAKES

Democrats: Veering Left = '28 Doom

"The far left is having a moment, and Democratic presidential aspirants are no doubt watching," observe Jon Cowan & Matt Bennett at The Washington Post. But beware: "Moving far to the left is poison in a presidential general election campaign." "The math is inescapable" for a Dem nominee: "If you get 60 percent of moderates, you're president. If you don't, you lose." Remember, "what voters look for in a primary candidate for governor or senator is different from what they seek in a presidential nominee." A 2028 hopeful should aim for "combative centrism that challenges the status quo, not caution or socialism." That means "picking fights with Trump" but not veering further left, a "direction voters rejected" in 2024. "That's not resistance, that's amnesia."

Republican: Bashing the Loonies Isn't Enough

Instead of gloating over "the rise . . . of the loony left," "Republicans must convince voters they deserve to keep the majority" in Congress, argues Liz Peek at The Hill. Socialists "are not only chalking up wins in deep blue territories," but also making "inroads in a country" that has "grown less enthusiastic about capitalism." Polling shows "nearly two-thirds of Americans ages 18 to 29 have a favorable view of socialism," so it's "not enough" to just point out "the kookery." Rather, Republicans must "show voters how they will make their lives better." Pollster John McLaughlin finds that most voters want "middle-class tax relief, reductions in waste and fraud, proof of citizenship and voter identification requirements" and "repudiate Socialism when it is connected to Big Government solutions." GOP candidates "need to connect these dots."

Foreign desk: Remaking the Middle East

The "critics and questioners" of the war with Iran "seem obtuse to the prophetic truth": We're now witness to the "biggest reshaping of the Middle East" in history, "in a good way," explains James Jay Carafano at 1945. Trump's winning if "the long-term peace structure the president is seeking" is emerging — and it is: Iran's capacity to "shut down up to a third or more of the world's oil exports" has been ended, and the "Board of Peace" is "jump-starting regional reconstruction projects" to displace "Iranian surrogates." Economic integration and "security cooperation" among "regional powers" are enhancing a "deterrence framework" against the "current Iranian regime." "These are not signs of defeat, but regional transformation on an unprecedented scale."

Conservative: Death to 'Pay To Slay'

Justice Sonia Sotomayor denied the Palestinian Authority's request "to freeze a $655 million judgment against the" Palestine Liberation Organization for "attacks against Americans during the Second Intifada," cheers Commentary's Seth Mandel. The PA said "paying out the judgment could cause" it to collapse. Huh? That argument is: "If you hold us accountable for violence . . . much more violence will follow." Maybe so, but that's "a choice the PA made knowingly when it decided to keep rewarding terrorists" after Congress in 2019 changed the law to stop protecting the PA from sending cash rewards to those "who kill Jews." This is just "hostage taking": We can't let the PA manipulate us "by holding a gun to its own head," and any Palestinian "government that does is *eventually going to collapse* anyway."

Sonia Sotomayor

Scientist: Nat'l Academies' Good Name Abused

Reports from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine are treated "as the collective judgment of more than 8,400 members — each elected for a lifetime of distinguished achievement" — yet, warns Steven E. Koonin at The Wall Street Journal, a recent one linking "specific extreme weather events" to "greenhouse gas emissions" was only reviewed by *two* members of the academies. Fact is, the academies have little direct influence in the "day to day decisions" made by "nonmember staff and outside experts" — so if they "want to speak with the authority of thousands," they must "be honest" about the research that is being impressed with their credibility.

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America's Weapons Woes

America's "munitions shortage" is now making headlines, but the real problem is deeper and more dire: The entire US weapons-building industry is not only woefully weak, but geared up wrong.

While the United States must continue to have the best, cutting-edge defense tech, we *also* need to produce massive amounts of relatively cheap missiles and interceptors as well as drones on a huge scale.

The problems go all the way back to the misbegotten "reforms" of Vietnam-era Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, who all but eliminated real competition and entrepreneurial energy from Pentagon procurement. They've been exacerbated by vast contraction of purchases and the industrial might to build as Washington began eviscerating Defense budgets in the Obama years (though the fateful reduction of US Navy shipbuilding dates back to the Bill Clinton era).

Start with the missile/interceptor shortage: In a July analysis, the Center for Strategic and International Studies estimated that the US military may have expended more than half its already-depleted inventories in the ongoing Iran war.

It's an issue the Biden Pentagon should have confronted as the US rushed supplies to Ukraine in the wake of Russia's 2022 invasion — and one the Trump Pentagon has been slow to focus on as it aimed to restore warfighting capacity on so many different fronts.

To be fair, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has been pushing hard for a reorientation, for example, striking framework agreements with innovators Anduril, CoAspire and Zone 5 to quickly produce a new family of low-cost, air-launched cruise missiles.

This crisis requires more outside-the-box thinking, like President Trump's bid to let Ukraine produce Patriot interceptors, as well as the private sector stepping up, as with JP Morgan's move to resurrect US shipyards.

Above all, the Pentagon urgently needs Congress to approve emergency spending to get the ball rolling. Instead, Democrats are stalling on funding Defense, obsessing over US cooperation with Israel and raging against Trump's Iran war.

The nation can't afford back-biting blame games here: That these shortages are showing in a contest with a second-rank power like Iran is a warning that we're not *remotely* ready if, say, China moves to conquer Taiwan and its strategically vital cutting-edge chip industry.

Democrats in particular must wake up: They could easily win back the White House in 2028 only to find their new president helpless to contest Beijing's aggression, and "it's all Trump's fault" won't fly if they've refused to let this prez rebuild and retool our defenses now.

With US defense production lines badly dependent on foreign sources for key materials and minerals, Team Trump's drive to lock down rare-earth supplies is also vital.

Across-the-board change is crucial: Reform R&D licensing; cut procurement red tape; opt for cheaper non-"mil-spec" armaments that are easier to mass-produce in American factories — especially dual-use industries, like automobile manufacturing.

Far too many vulnerabilities have been baked into America's military-industrial base; that bipartisan complacency must end.

Blackouts Ahead for New York

New York City doesn't have enough available energy to meet the needs of a serious heat wave *or* an especially frigid winter. The city is now relying almost nonstop on two aging emergency electric power-supply barges off Brooklyn's Sunset Park to keep the lights on and apartments cool, Crain's reports.

In other words, Gotham is already relying on its last line of defense against blackouts, and at high risk of catastrophic failure.

If these aging stations fail, or demand spikes in, say, a week of 100-degree-plus temps, we're in big trouble.

Blame Albany Democrats — Gov. Hochul and our feckless state Legislature.

Under then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Albany rushed to close the Indian Point nuclear plant, choke off new supplies of natural gas and retire fossil-fuel power plants far faster than alternative sources could come online — while simultaneously booting electricity demand by pushing shifts to electric cars, heating and so on.

And Hochul only recently began even talking about slowing down the madness.

The insane state Climate Action Plan closes reliable natural-gas power plants, *aiming* to replace them with expensive and less reliable solar and offshore wind farms as well as massive battery-storage facilities.

And the alternatives aren't getting built anywhere near as fast as the plan requires.

New York's oldest-in-America power infrastructure needs immediate improvements as experts warn that the system is operating near its limits.

Even if we dodge blackouts, we still suffer: New York households pay the third-highest residential electricity prices in the country, trailing only Hawaii and California, per the Empire Center's Energy Data Bulletin.

NY prices in May were up 12% from a year earlier, rising at twice the US average. California is the only large state with higher residential electricity prices, thanks to similar-but-worse "climate" policies.

The politicians will rush to blame Con Edison and other utilities, but these companies have to do what Albany orders — no matter how insane.

Looming blackouts are an existential threat — and inevitable unless the state abandons its climate madness.

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Fauci Deserves a Felony: Will We Ever Get the Truth?

THE ISSUE: Dr. Anthony Fauci held in contempt of Congress after his Senate hearing.

Anthony Fauci

•I am dumbfounded by how Dr. Anthony Fauci got away with pleading the Fifth Amendment 111 times and, if found guilty of contempt, he only faces one year in jail and a $100,000 fine ("Save Science," Glenn Harlan Reynolds, PostOpinion, Aug. 4).

He should have been charged with a felony, not a misdemeanor. Something's wrong with America's judicial system. Fauci has blood on his hands and he got away with not telling the truth about how he handled COVID-19. It is time for the government and American public to get to the bottom of this smoking gun fiasco.

Thomas Patrick Folan
Nesconset

•Fauci's repeated refusal to answer questions during his Senate hearing is reason enough to re-examine how the Fifth Amendment is applied in situations involving public officials. I feel quite certain this was not what the Founding Fathers had in mind when they ratified the Constitution.

More than likely, Fauci will skate, and we will never get to the bottom of a pandemic that, in my opinion, he was instrumental in helping unleash upon the world.

Alan Webber
Cave Creek, Ariz.

•It's disheartening to see this distinguished scientist-physician sullied by a senator's ad hominem political attack. Fauci is wholly justified in using the protection that our Constitution gives all witnesses against self-incrimination. One may criticize his judgment during the pandemic, but can't make any criminal accusation of what he did during that difficult time.

Robert S. April
Manhattan

•Once again, the left side of the aisle is on the wrong side of history, voting against Fauci being held in contempt.

This decision, on the heels of leftists voting for radicals who hate America and Israel, sounds like something the United Nations would do.

Why are they protecting Fauci's lies? Tell the truth, Tony, it will help with the next pandemic.

J.R. Cummings
Manhattan

•Fauci would have invoked the Fifth Amendment if asked, "Should a doctor be truthful to his or her patients?" Anyone still backing him clearly does not care if their doctors lie to them.

Frank Barnett, Queens

Flush Out Fraud in Flushing

THE ISSUE: Dozens of senior-day-care centers in Flushing collect over $100 million in Medicaid funds.

•Seemingly fraudulent senior day-care centers in Flushing collected $100 million in taxpayers' money ("Flushing out 'fraud' in Qns.," Aug. 4).

Bilk the government once, shame on you. Bilk the government twice (or more), shame on the government. Where was the oversight? This is very sad and unsettling.

Andrew Zablow
Parsippany, NJ

•Given exposure of all the fraud that is going on in Queens regarding these adult-care centers, why have the governor, the attorney general and the FBI not stepped in and began shutting these places down?

They need to go after all the people responsible for opening up these phony day-care centers and try to recoup some of the money that has been stolen from the taxpayers.

Gene O'Brien
Whitestone

•Medicaid fraud is only a small portion of the crime and corruption that has overtaken what used to be a very attractive place to live and shop. Only a blind person could fail to note the plethora of "pharmacies," "senior centers" and "spas" that seem to be anything but what their signage indicates.

Why are the local elected officials, community board and police not intervening? I'm guessing more than a few people are being paid to look the other way.

Ilene Heller, Manhattan

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Mayor tightens grip on *everything*

JOHN KETCHAM

MAYOR Mamdani may be an ideologue, but he's also what Niccolò Machiavelli deemed "a sensible man": One who will "will base his power on what he controls." And he's using his time in office to exert greater control over city institutions — sometimes even testing the bounds of the law — to build a political machine that can persist beyond his tenure.

As the recent House primaries revealed, the mayor's grip on the city chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America gives him the power to unseat entrenched incumbents.

Though fractured among a red-tinted mosaic of internal caucuses — including avowed Marxist revolutionaries — the DSA closes ranks behind him, marshaling tens of thousands of volunteers for his candidates and causes.

Now, he's brought the door-knockers inside government through the Office of Mass Engagement. Its commissioner, Tascha Van Auken, and Mamdani's housing czar, Cea Weaver — both DSA leaders — are actually entering buildings to organize tenants into "unions."

And the office is using taxpayer funds to film documentaries about tenant organizing. It's far from apparent that tenant organizing passes muster under the Conflicts of Interest Board rules, which prohibit public servants from using city "letterhead, title, personnel, equipment, resources, supplies, or technology assets" for any "non-City purpose."

If withholding rent becomes a common tenant-union tactic, that will only accelerate building disinvestment and deterioration.

For the mayor and the DSA, however, forcing rent-stabilized property owners into foreclosure or bankruptcy is the point. His plan calls for seizing buildings from "bad actors' hands" and transferring them to "responsible stewards" like nonprofits.

Never mind that there's no reason to think housing controlled by nonprofits or government would produce better conditions. NYCHA's chronic corruption and mismanagement provide ample evidence to the contrary.

The mayor's appointments to various governmental bodies likewise represent power plays to exert greater direct control — even at the expense of good government. Most glaringly, Mamdani's appointees to the Rent Guidelines Board voted for the rent freeze he campaigned on, despite the board's own research showing landlord costs spiked 5.3% between April 2025 and March 2026.

Paul Martinka

Dubious appointee: Ali Najmi (r.) practices law privately, creating a conflict.

The city's administrative code requires members to consider these costs and other factors in determining a rent increase that balances multiple interests; instead, Mamdani picked his board to deliver his signature campaign promise.

A vigorous lawsuit by former Deputy Mayor Randy Mastro is challenging the RGB's decision as arbitrary, capricious and unlawfully predetermined. If the mayor isn't stopped in the courts, he will obtain the de facto power to set stabilized rent increases, rendering the statutory text toothless.

Mamdani didn't immediately bother to appoint members to the Advisory Committee on the Judiciary, the body responsible for recommending qualified picks for criminal and family court judgeships. On his second day in office, however, he appointed his election lawyer, Ali Najmi, as head of the memberless body.

Then in April, Mamdani and Najmi rejected the nomination of Appellate Division Justice John Leventhal to the committee, raising questions about whether his Jewish identity played a role in their decision. Mamdani has denied these claims.

But Leventhal's unprecedented rejection was even more striking because his nomination came from the state's highest judge, Rowan Wilson, a staunch progressive but not a DSA member. Najmi and his firm, by the way, actively practice law before the city's criminal courts, though simultaneously chairing the body that screens judges creates a conflict of interest and the appearance of impropriety.

Najmi is representing the family of the victim killed in June's Central Park horse-carriage tragedy in a suit against the city. His influence with the mayor again creates the appearance, if not the reality, that city officials will feel pressure to offer a generous settlement. If they do, Najmi and his firm will pocket a handsome contingency fee.

More still: Last week, Mamdani abruptly disbanded the advisory board of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, the nonprofit that raises private donations to further the mayor's top causes.

To be sure, the fund has atrophied since Michael Bloomberg left office, likely driven by a lack of faith in the city government's ability to execute programs effectively. But Mamdani's axing the advisory body was needlessly antagonistic toward the city's business leaders. The move fit with his broader scheme: Reshaping who has power in the city means controlling who sits on such boards.

Mamdani has heeded Machiavelli's advice: The prince who controls everything answers to no one.

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COMMIES IN SOCIALISTS' CLOTHING

VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

IT is not difficult, these days, to see the neo-communist flipside of "Democratic Socialists" — once they find power.

Indeed, the more the ossified Democratic Party claims that its growing cadre of socialist renegades are not really socialists, the more they act like — and even appear comfortable being called — communists.

With every new policy they propose, the socialists have been dropping the pretense that they are not Marxists.

Declare capitalism a failure? All the socialists now do. Confiscate private property? Mayor Mamdani claims he'll do just that if New York's landlords, in his opinion, are poor custodians of their own property. Dismantle the Constitution? Almost all Democrats have long called for destroying the 238-year-old Electoral College.

Now the socialists openly brag that, when they take over the Democratic Party and then the nation, they'll, as good Bolsheviks, go much further: destroying the Senate, destroying the Pentagon, prisons, the police and our borders. And they want to take over utilities, break up or absorb corporate agriculture and own major industries.

Apparently, socialists believe that with a snap of their fingers they can destroy key elements of the US constitutional order.

They also seem to have taken their cue for such radical change from "mainstream" Democrats — for example, Kamala Harris.

Now in her third vain bid for the presidency, she has adopted the doctrine of "if you can't beat them, join them," promising that if elected, she'll pack the court, admit two new blue states (to snag four liberal senators), end the filibuster and junk the Electoral College. How she plans to amend the Constitution to that effect she never tells us.

Like all good Marxists, these leftists show an utter lack of principle: If two new red states wished to join the US, they'd lecture on the sanctity of a 50-state union. If they were a permanent Senate minority, they'd honor the filibuster.

How about making "enemies of the people" lists and forcing sales of private property? Mamdani just issued a public list of nearly 1 million city homeowners. He sent official warnings to 17,000 of them that, if they cannot prove they have lived full-time in their own properties, the city will levy a huge surtax on them to drive home the point that no one should own a second high-value home. Are show trials next for those who don't reply?

Mamdani has flipped the tradition of "innocent until proven guilty." Almost 20,000 New Yorkers are now presumed guilty of being house-hoarding, capitalist leeches who owe the exploited classes tens of thousands a year in reparations, unless they can prove themselves innocent. Welcome to Mamdani's revolutionary court.

Recently, national Democratic Socialists of America co-chair Megan Romer was asked about her group's agenda. Far from denying its communist radicalism, she gleefully confirmed it all — from destroying the border to ending prisons, the military and the police.

But it is in Spain, and Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's corrupt regime, where we see what one-eyed-jack socialists can do when finally in power, especially when they are hated and on their way out.

Sanchez has given amnesty to 600,000 illegal aliens. One result was that 60,000 Muslim men from North Africa in a single day recently swarmed Spain's colonial outpost at Ceuta, demanding amnesties — while looting and vandalizing businesses and attacking Spaniards. Why do European socialists and American leftists destroy borders, create conditions of mass chaos and welcome in millions of illegal aliens — poor, often angry and unassimilated — from the Third World?

Aside from their belief the capitalists deserve violence and upheaval, they hate the fact that capitalism is too class-fluid to furnish a permanent exploited proletarian underclass. And so they import a huge victim class, and virtue signal their purported moral superiority. Then they spend lavish social largesse upon the influx, and, in quid pro quo fashion, thus bind their imported underclass with their welfare-state assurances.

Socialist candidates hide their communist-adjacent agendas during elections. But once in office, they find socialism too wishy-washy and go full communist. They destroy borders, institutions, names, dates, statues, norms, customs and traditions to replicate the illiberalism and concomitant failures of a new Haiti, West Bank or Morocco in the West.

To make a new socialist America, you must first destroy everything that made Americans — and all that they hold dear.

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Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 10 6 5
♡ K 7 5
◇ K 8
♣ A K 8 5

WEST
♠ 3 2
♡ A 10 8 4 2
◇ 7 5 3
♣ J 10 9

EAST
♠ A K 7
♡ 9 6
◇ Q J 9 6 2
♣ 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 8 4
♡ Q J 3
◇ A 10 4
♣ Q 7 6

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead – ♣ J

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Cy the Cynic views partners as a necessary evil.

"Look at this," Cy grumbled to me. "My opponents scored up a vulnerable game in my penny game, and my partner was not only to blame, he was doubly to blame."

Cy was East, and West led the jack of clubs against four spades. Declarer won with dummy's king and led a trump.

"I put up my king," the Cynic said, "and led the nine of hearts. My partner took the ace and returned a heart. Declarer won, lost a trump to my ace and took the rest. My partner missed not one but two inferences."

I could see why Cy was upset; he lost 620 points when he could have been plus 100. West must duck the first heart since Cy's nine can't be a singleton. South almost surely has only four spades — Cy has A-K-x — and if South had four hearts, he would have responded one heart.

Moreover, if Cy had a singleton heart, he could have cashed his ace of trumps before leading it, leaving West with no choice but to find the winning defense.

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ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST
Saturday's word:
TRIATHLON

intro	taint	total
loath	talon	trail
nitro	tarot	train
north	thorn	trait
ratio	titan	trial
rhino	tonal	troth

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How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

STRAINERS — Solution: 5 letters

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Difficult #7,156

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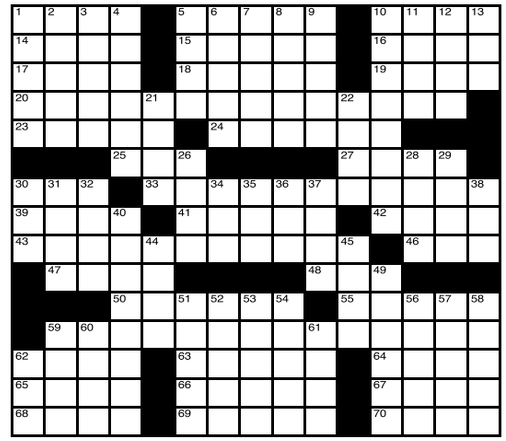
Quick Crossword

Across
1 Train for a boxing match
5 Love deeply
10 Follow directions
14 "Beloved" novelist Morrison
15 Kitchen gadget for apples
16 Locale
17 Bygone GM division
18 "Understood"
19 Prize grabber in an arcade game
20 Formal event attended in costume
23 Like a parent at graduation
24 "Man of Steel" director Zack
25 Geological span
27 Scissors sound
30 Wimbledon org.
33 Last film starring Daniel Craig as James Bond
39 Cardamom-infused tea
41 Subscribe again
42 Turn down
43 Official record on a ship
46 Broke bread
47 Trace of smoke
48 Baby goat
50 Humiliated
55 Walkie-talkie, e.g.
59 Call for action, or what one might say before using the ends of 20-, 33-, and 43-Across
62 College admissions office offering
63 Garden pest
64 Hideout
65 Bilingual cartoon explorer
66 Kitchen gadget for flour
67 Poker buy-in
68 "Don't come any closer!"
69 Cuts (down)
70 Talk back to

Down
1 Tread heavily
2 __ opposites
3 "Consequently ... "
4 Racy
5 Zoning unit
6 Opportunities, metaphorically
7 Church instrument with pipes
8 Like the sound of an oboe
9 Made a blunder
10 Nomination from the Academy
11 Bar tab, e.g.
12 List-shortening abbr.
13 Source of some flexible wood
21 Thick Japanese noodle
22 Breezy email sign-off
26 Sushi wrapper
28 Brainchild
29 Ice cream purchase
30 UNC's athletic gp.
31 Defrost
32 Big __: David Ortiz nickname
34 Perfect score in diving, or half a score
35 Connections
36 EGOT-winning Brooks
37 Furry "Star Wars" creature
38 Potato spot
40 "We've been duped!"
44 Emer. alerts
45 "You go, __!"
49 Texas city known as "Big D"
51 Audibly shocked
52 Vintage photo tone
53 Early anesthetic
54 Motivation
56 Taurasi who holds the WNBA record for career points
57 Monogram pts.
58 Fairy tale baddies
59 Stolen goods
60 Capital of France?
61 Poems of tribute
62 QB stats



PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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WHY HIRE THIS 'IDIOT'?

WH hits OpenAI adding ex-gov't analyst-turned-critic

By THOMAS BARRABI

Top OpenAI official Dean Ball is in the middle of a heated feud with the Trump administration — and White House officials warn that Sam Altman's firm risked its relationship with the government by hiring him for a senior role, The Post has learned.

Ball infuriated Trump AI officials last month after claiming in an X post that the White House should create "regulatory risk" — or new rules imposing consequences on US firms — to discourage use of Chinese AI models. White House AI czar David Sacks questioned if Ball was "confessing to a regulatory capture strategy" to benefit OpenAI, while Pentagon AI chief Emil Michael slammed Ball as the AI world's "supreme village idiot."

The incident was just the latest sign of long-simmering bad blood between key White House figures and Ball, who served a four-month stint on Trump's AI team from April to August of last year. Ball became a vocal critic of Trump's AI strategy after leaving the administration, even as he billed himself as a key architect of the White House's high-profile AI Action Plan — a detailed roadmap for how the US could win the AI race.

Three White House officials with direct knowledge of the matter allege that Ball has exaggerated his role on that project. The officials, who requested anonymity to discuss the situation, described Ball as a "junior-to-mid-level policy analyst" whose ideas were regularly ignored by decision-makers — and say he never obtained a security clearance, which is needed to participate in high-level discussions.

'Ludicrous assertion'

One of the officials said it was the "most ludicrous assertion imaginable" that Ball played a senior role in crafting the AI Action Plan.

"Everyone who was actually involved in architecting it is way too nice to say it in frank terms," the official said. "He was at best a nuisance and at worst irrelevant."

A source close to Ball pushed back on claims that he exaggerated his work at the White House, noting that a blueprint written by Ball shortly after the 2024 election for the new administration touches on many of the concepts — such as maintaining export controls on AI chips, rewriting the National Institute of Standard and Technology's AI Risk Management Framework, and building automated labs — that ended up in the AI Action Plan.

Asked for comment, an OpenAI spokesperson pointed to a June 18 tweet by the company's chief strategy officer Jason Kwon.

"Really glad Dean is joining OpenAI," Kwon wrote. "He's spent a lot of time thinking seriously about the biggest questions frontier labs need to get right: risk, governance, frontier policy issues, and what comes next. We won't always agree on everything, which is a good thing. This is a really important moment for these debates, and we'll be better for having him pressure-test and shape our thinking."

Ball's role will be focused on research rather than lobbying or political outreach, the spokesperson added.

Tensions between Ball and the White House first came to a head last February during the administration's high-profile spat with Anthropic — when he became one of the loudest voices defending CEO Dario Amodei's firm after President Trump ordered federal agencies to stop using its models.

At the time, Ball called the Pentagon's decision to label Anthropic as a supply-chain risk a "psychotic power grab" and "almost certainly illegal." He also outlined his problems with the Pentagon's approach during an widely-cited interview on "The Ezra Klein Show."

Questioning his value

In a Substack post announcing his hiring as OpenAI's "head of strategic futures" in June, Ball, 34, wrote that he would be "charged with shaping frontier AI policy," including "catastrophic risk, recursive self-improvement, labor market impact, and the relationship between the frontier labs, governments (particularly the US federal government), and society."

The White House is "a little puzzled by what value OpenAI sees in hiring him" given Ball's tense relationships with some of his former colleagues, a second administration official said.

Any backlash against Ball could also cause trouble for OpenAI, which so far has avoided the kind of public criticism and backlash that its chief rival Anthropic has regularly faced in its dealings with the Trump administration.

"We want to and continue to work with OpenAI, just given its importance and our other relationships at the firm, including Sam," the second official said.

"But [Ball] isn't helping, and his idiotic commentary on X about our AI policies that's rooted in the fake premise that he has an insider perspective into our operations is actively undermining OpenAI. He has and continues to turn a lot of people off."

The first official added that Ball, who lacks a technical background in AI research or development, was "seen as sort of silly and underinformed" during his time at the White House and often suggested ideas that ran afoul of the vision outlined by decision-makers, including Sacks and White House tech adviser Michael Kratsios.

Bot-head

Trump administration officials question why OpenAI hired Dean Ball (right) to a senior role, downplaying the former White House AI analyst's contributions and saying the company's relationship to the government could be at risk.

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Apple test

Apple has been testing memory chips from China's CXMT across product lines including iPhones and MacBooks, to mitigate a component shortage, The Wall Street Journal reported.

Crypto bill

Senate Majority Leader John Thune moved Saturday to advance a bill that would create a regulatory framework for cryptocurrencies which, if passed, would mark a win for President Trump and the crypto industry.

China data

China's producer price inflation eased more than expected in July to its weakest in three months, while consumer inflation also cooled, official data showed on Sunday, as global energy prices retreated.

Lancium lift

Nvidia will invest up to $3 billion in power infrastructure developer Lancium, the company behind the Stargate data center campus in Texas, The Information reported.

'Inside' move

The Securities and Exchange Commission said Friday it was moving to dismiss an insider trading suit against Terren Peizer, a former healthcare exec convicted of insider trading in 2024 and then pardoned.

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Dying to get into district

STEVE CUOZZO

REALTY CHECK

WITH a mere 12 million square feet, Hudson Square might be the city's most in-demand subdistrict.

In the former printing-house zone bounded roughly by Clarkson and Canal streets to the north and south and between West Street and Sixth Avenue, leasing volume soared from under a half-million square feet in 2024 to more than 1.5 million so far this year.

The boom is reflected in Disney's new Manhattan headquarters at 7 Hudson Square, Anthropic's just-inked lease for all of 330 Hudson St., Google's purchase of St. John's Terminal and PayPal's 261,000-square-foot lease at 345 Hudson St./555 Greenwich St.

Tech, AI and media firms — Hudson Square's favorite tenants — are expanding all over town.

So why after a year of marketing are Taconic Partners and leasing agent JLL still without a tenant for the planned One Grand, a state-of-the-art, 430,000-square-footer at the corner of Grand and Varick streets?

Simple, according to Kristen Morgan, part of the JLL team: Tenants want their growth space now.

"They want butts in seats right away," Morgan said. One Grand will take 36 months to build.

"Two years ago, you couldn't get arrested in Hudson Square," Morgan joked. "Now it's the hottest neighborhood in the city.

"Tech was quiet for a while after COVID, but once people realized how easy it was to get there from uptown, Brooklyn and New Jersey, it took off," she said. The JLL leasing team also includes Mitchell Konsker, Matt Astrachan, Peter Riguardi and Clark Finney.

Hudson Square's total availability fell year-over-year by 2.1% to 16.6% in the second quarter — a stat released even before Anthropic's 466,000-square-feet commitment at 330 Hudson St.

The ripple effect

Hudson Square's atmospheric older properties and easy mass transit access appeal to younger employees, which in turn has prompted a local boom in fitness-oriented retail and new restaurants by "name" chefs.

Taconic president/COO Colleen Wenke said One Grand doesn't necessarily need an anchor tenant to start construction.

"We're trading paper" with a number of suitors, she said, noting that the building "has the capacity to bring tenants the neighborhood's only new, purpose-built space."

Unlike 7 Hudson Square, which was built expressly for Disney, most other large tenants in the district moved into "previously existing buildings," some more than a century old. Anthropic's home at 330 Hudson, for example, opened in 1910.

One Grand will have features that especially appeal to tech firms, including open floor plates, views from large windows, 20,000 square feet of outdoor space, a roof deck and expansive amenities spaces.

Morgan said asking rents average $185 per square foot. She called the project "perfect for tenants who want to create their own environments within the building."

OceanSound, a subtenant at SL Green's 450 Park Ave., has expanded from less than 22,000 square feet to more than 32,000 under a new, direct lease.

SLG leasing director Steven Durels said the deal typifies activity at the 33-story tower that was recently upgraded. Other prominent tenants include Banco Bradesco, BlueCrest Capital Management and Steadfast Financial, as well as Aston Martin's ground-floor showroom.

Tower asking rents have been reported at $170 per square foot.

Westville, the growing chain of American casual restaurants, signed for its 12th city location at 540 Third Ave. at East 36th St. The 4,148-square-foot lease was negotiated for the landlord, a joint venture of Gilar Realty and Ranco Capital, by Meridian Capital Group's James Famularo and Jordan Langer.

The tenant was repped by CBRE's Robert Bonicoro and Betsy Da Silva.

The new Westville is part of the retail space at The Dian, a 22-story luxury rental apartment building designed by Ismael Leyva Architects with the address of 162 E. 36th St.

Famularo said the lease typifies recent advances in Third Avenue's retail fortunes, especially in food and beverage activity.

'One Grand' wait

Hudson Square is booming, but the planned state-of-the art One Grand (left and above) at Grand and Varick streets has yet to sign a tenant. Kristen Morgan of leasing agent JLL says that's because the area is so hot that businesses want space right now.

Taconic Partners

B'shire buyer's mood

Berkshire Hathaway said it began reducing its enormous stockpile of cash in the second quarter, investing billions of dollars in stocks such as Alphabet and repurchasing billions of its own, as it reported higher-than-expected profit.

The conglomerate said on Saturday it repurchased $4.5 billion of its own stock between April and June and more than $3.3 billion more in July, accelerating repurchases it began in March following a nearly two-year hiatus. Berkshire also bought nearly $20 billion more stocks than it sold, ending 14 straight quarters as a net seller of shares.

Purchases included a $10 billion addition to an already-large investment in Alphabet, the parent of Google and YouTube, which is now one of its largest stock holdings. Quarterly operating profit rose 16% to $12.98 billion, topping analyst forecasts. Improvement at the BNSF railroad and service businesses including NetJets luxury plane unit and TTI electronic components distributor helped offset weakness at the Geico auto insurer. Net income more than doubled to $25.67 billion, including unrealized gains and losses on stocks Berkshire still owns. *Reuters*

Soc. media guards: poll

A bipartisan majority of Americans support more government rules for how social media companies conduct business, including a requirement of age-verification tools to keep younger children off social media, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll.

The poll, conducted over the six days ending Aug. 3, comes as companies like Meta Platforms and Google's YouTube face mounting legal pressure over their treatment of young users. A trial is expected to begin on Wednesday over allegations by prosecutors that Meta designed its products to addict young users. *Reuters*

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Johannes has career-best effort vs. Aces

By MADELINE KENNEY

LIBERTY NOTES

While most fans headed toward the exit following the Liberty's 40-point win against the Aces on Sunday, the dozens who stayed behind showered Marine Johannes with hero worship after she wrapped up a postgame TV interview and headed to the locker room.

Johannes flashed a sheepish grin as she exchanged a few high-fives on her way off the floor after setting a new career high in points with 27.

Johannes helped carry the Liberty to Sunday's comfortable 111-71 win. She lit it up during a monstrous fourth quarter, going 4-for-7 from beyond the arc for 12 points.

She tied her career high in 3-point makes, shooting 7-for-12 from deep.

"She shot crazy today," Han Xu said of Johannes after the win. "I'm so proud of her. I know she's an amazing player. Everybody knows, she just show herself today."

Johannes was due for a big day like Sunday. She hadn't looked quite like herself after missing three games with a left ankle injury last month. She had scored only a combined 11 points across the preceding four games, shooting 3-for-8 from deep.

After Sunday's win, though, Johannes relished the team's success rather than her own.

"It just feels good, knowing that [the Aces] were missing players, we had to stay ready, and we had to stay focused," she said. "It's just sharing the ball, playing with confidence and so yeah, I think we did a good job tonight as a team."

➤ Aces coach **Becky Hammon** called out the cadence of her team's schedule amid a particularly grueling stretch of three games in four days.

Sunday's nationally televised matinee started less than 24 hours after the Aces played the Lynx in Minnesota. As a result, Hammon decided to rest her star players **A'ja Wilson**, **Chelsea Gray** and **Jackie Young**.

"Everybody has a brutal schedule at some point," Hammon said. "We're going to always err on the side of health and safety for our players, not going to put them in any kind of jeopardy to get hurt when we've been expending a lot of energy and traveling a lot of miles back and forth, crisscrossing the country. So it is what it is. I know these are big matchups, and these are what people want to see but you should ensure that it's fair."

Hammon questioned the legality of playing two games within a 23 ½-hour span. The new collective bargaining agreement, however, states the minimum time between the scheduled start of each game is 20 hours and bars teams from having to cross more than one time zone during that window.

➤ Coach **Chris DeMarco** received a noticeable chorus of boos from the Barclays Center crowd when he was announced pregame.

When a reporter mentioned it after the game, **Breanna Stewart** quipped, "Welcome to New York."

Yonkers Entries — Post Time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: 1 Mile $22,000 40000CLM; PACE

1	Ourmatemenko N	(CKelly)	4-4-2	9-2
2	Alta Classic A	(BHolland)	4-4-7	8-1
3	Paxamillion	(JBartlett)	1-1-7	2-1
4	Ameritric	(JStratton)	1-6-2	3-1
5	Shipmaster	(MKakaley)	3-7-3	5-1
6	Gds Thunder Gb	(DDube)	5-4-8	20-1
7	Lyrical Genius A	(JMarohn)	1-4-3	6-1
8	Rockin Jukebox A	(SiegelmanJ)	3-1-6	20-1

SECOND: 1 Mile $28,000 NW20000L5; PACE

1	WhatsStanleyGotA	(JStrattn)	2-3-3	6-1
2	Royal Desire	(PLachance)	7-5-4	20-1
3	HezaCharttopperA	(JMarohn)	1-2-2	7-2
4	Finvarra A	(JBartlett)	1-4-5	6-5
5	Blue Lou	(MKakaley)	2-3-3	7-2
6	Speaker Of Peace	(CKelly)	4-2-6	20-1
7	Speculating A	(ASiegelman)	6-3-4	20-1
8	Matai Phil N	(BHolland)	1-5-6	20-1

THIRD: 1 Mile $19,000 NW7500L5; PACE

1	Feelin Western	(DDube)	7-1-2	8-1
2	Nandolo N	(CKelly)	5-7-7	5-2
3	CollectiveWrksA	(SiegelmanJ)	7-5-8	20-1
4	TwinBPowerball	(PLachance)	8-5-2	12-1
5	Mufferaw Joe	(MKakaley)	8-5-8	9-2
6	Taste Of Honey	(JStratton)	7-7-6	20-1
7	Federer	(JBartlett)	4-3-5	7-5

FOURTH: 1 Mile $43,000 INVITATION; PACE

1	Evileye Fleegle	(TButer)	5-4-1	10-1
2	Bourbon County	(JBartlett)	1-6-1	8-1
3	Young Bluey A	(CKelly)	2-4-2	8-1
4	Soho Firestone A	(JStratton)	4-2-3	5-1
5	Mossdale Ben N	(JMarohn)	6-3-2	4-1
6	Sweet Beach Life	(MKakaley)	1-1-1	6-5

FIFTH: 1 Mile $15,000 15000CLM; PACE

1	South Point	(CKelly)	7-7-5	8-1
2	I'm Talkin Hungry	(JStratton)	1-1-7	3-1
3	SouthbeachHanover	(TButer)	1-7-1	2-1
4	Black Hawk Joe A	(BHolland)	5-1-3	6-1
5	GreatSomewhere	(PLachnce)	5-6-3	12-1
6	FrancoNandorN	(ASiegelmn)	7-3-8	20-1
7	J B Gram	(JBartlett)	3-4-3	9-2
8	PinkFloydHanover	(MKakley)	7-7-8	15-1

SIXTH: 1 Mile $21,000 NW11541L5; PACE

1	SweethomealabmN	(JStrttn)	3-7-2	5-1
2	Missed The Truth A	(TButer)	6-6-1	6-1
3	Justcallmebuck	(JMarohn)	5-4-3	20-1
4	Little Louie A	(JBartlett)	2-1-X	3-1
5	Heza Risk Taker A	(BHolland)	3-6-1	7-2
6	TackRoomChatter	(MKakley)	4-4-5	12-1
7	Hemsworth N	(ASiegelman)	5-5-3	9-2
8	Jon I Love Dat	(CKelly)	7-7-4	20-1

SEVENTH: 1 Mile $28,000 NW21480L5; PACE

1	Udderly Sweet A	(CKelly)	2-1-1	9-2
2	Force Full A	(BHolland)	3-1-1	4-1
3	Vicious	(TButer)	8-2-3	5-1
4	Whichwaytothebech	(JStrttn)	5-6-5	3-1
5	Joemikiyoursofine	(PLchnce)	7-6-7	20-1
6	Better B Bold	(MKakaley)	6-2-2	8-1
7	MyUltimteByrnA	(ASegelmn)	8-6-6	20-1
8	Pinny Tiger A	(JBartlett)	7-6-6	7-2

EIGHTH: 1 Mile $33,000 NW30000L5; PACE

1	Chase H Hanover	(BHolland)	2-2-1	2-1
2	Kwick Sand A	(JStratton)	3-3-3	15-1
3	Boston Bound	(MKakaley)	2-2-1	10-1
4	Jumpingjackmac N	(CKelly)	1-4-6	6-1
5	Verdun	(PLachance)	1-5-3	7-2
6	Forward Flash	(JMarohn)	1-6-3	8-1
7	American Dealer N	(TButer)	4-5-4	20-1
8	Sterling Choice	(JBartlett)	5-1-5	3-1

NINTH: 1 Mile $23,000 NW15000L5; PACE

1	Play Action Pass	(TButer)	3-1-2	3-1
2	AyeAyeCaptainN	(ASegelmn)	2-3-6	7-2
3	Always A Thrill	(MKakaley)	5-6-8	4-1
4	Himself N	(JStratton)	7-8-1	20-1
5	Dele Row A	(BHolland)	6-3-1	8-1
6	Hickfromfrenchlick	(JMarhn)	5-5-5	20-1
7	Copperfield	(JBartlett)	6-6-1	5-2
8	Thenu Came Along A	(CKelly)	4-6-3	20-1

Saratoga Results

FIRST-6 fur; $115,000; mdn spl wt; 3up (f&m)

2	Frolckng (Gfflone)	4.00	2.64	2.10
1	Glow of a Rose (Prat)		3.36	2.24
3	Poise (Ortiz)			2.26

● $1 Exacta (2-1) $6.34 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-1-3-4) $2.20 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-1-3) $4.02 ● $1 Exacta (2-1) $6.34 ● $0.1 Show (2-1-3-4) $2.20 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-1-3) $4.02

SECOND-1 1/16 mile; $115,000; mdn spl wt; 3up

2	Fln Curous (Gffln)	9.24	4.70	3.30
5	Democrcy Defendr (Ortz)		5.18	3.36
4	Quick Pick (Rodriguez)			4.40

Scr: Sidearm, Veblen, Commitment Fund
● $1 Daily Double (2-2) $13.49 ● $1 Exacta (2-5) $23.56 ● $1 Quinella (2-5) $10.85 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-5-4-3) $41.09 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-5-4) $78.48 ● $1 Daily Double (2-2) $13.49 ● $1 Exacta (2-5) $23.56 ● $1 Quinella (2-5) $10.85 ● $0.1 Show (2-5-4-3) $41.09 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-5-4) $78.48

THIRD-1 mile; $43,000; clm($20,000); 3up (f&m)

9	Karey (Elliott)	7.50	3.20	2.22
10	Belle Cherie (Prat)		2.82	2.20
2	Bobby Jean (Alvarado)			2.60

Scr: Royal Bobbie, Calling an Audible, Cararra, Oscar Bound
● $1 Pick 3 (2-2-9) $58.63 ● $1 Daily Double (2-9) $15.62 ● $1 Exacta (9-10) $8.33 ● $0.1 Superfecta (9-10-2-11) $8.12 ● $0.5 Trifecta (9-10-2) $9.21 ● $1 Pick 3 (2-2-9) $58.63 ● $1 Daily Double (2-9) $15.62 ● $1 Exacta (9-10) $8.33 ● $0.1 Show (9-10-2-11) $8.12 ● $0.5 Trifecta (9-10-2) $9.21

FOURTH-6½ fur; $52,000; mdn clm($35,000); 3up

1	Clssc Rck (SntnJr.)	18.68	7.32	6.30
2	Main Thing (Gaffalione)		7.90	5.48
5	Nordic Fyre (Franco)			8.60

● $1 Pick 3 (2-9-1) $166.06 ● $1 Daily Double (9-1) $46.55 ● $1 Exacta (1-2) $55.50 ● $1 Quinella (1-2) $36.10 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-2-5-3) $238.33 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-2-5) $238.56 ● $1 Pick 3 (2-9-1) $166.06 ● $1 Daily Double (9-1) $46.55 ● $1 Exacta (1-2) $55.50 ● $1 Quinella (1-2) $36.10 ● $0.1 Show (1-2-5-3) $238.33 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-2-5) $238.56

FIFTH-5½ fur; $115,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO F

4	Snt Dymphn (Gffln)	17.54	9.24	4.74
6	Carpet City (Elliott)		14.74	6.32
8	All Star Leigh (Ortiz)			2.58

Scr: Champagne in Paris, Night Sky, Sweet Grace, Deuce Dancer
● $1 Pick 3 (9-1-4) $451.78 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (2-9-1-4) $1379.85 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (2-2-9-1-4) $4852.38 ● $1 Daily Double (1-4) $105.96 ● $1 Exacta (4-6) $91.10 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-6-8-2) $388.08 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-6-8) $156.98 ● $1 Pick 3 (9-1-4) $451.78 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (2-9-1-4) $1379.85 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (2-2-9-1-4) $4852.38 ● $1 Daily Double (1-4) $105.96 ● $1 Exacta (4-6) $91.10 ● $0.1 Show (4-6-8-2) $388.08 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-6-8) $156.98

SIXTH-1 mile; $55,000; clm($35,000); 3up

3	Tke Stnc (Cstllno)	96.20	33.62	17.22
10	I Can See That (SantnJr.)		9.18	6.36
2	Printer's Alley (Gaffalione)			6.08

Scr: Paul's Recovery
● $1 Pick 3 (1-4-3) $2918.86 ● $1 Daily Double (4-3) $362.31 ● $1 Exacta (3-10) $529.92 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-10-2-11) $1906.29 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-10-2) $1816.46 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-4-3) $2918.86 ● $1 Daily Double (4-3) $362.31 ● $1 Exacta (3-10) $529.92 ● $0.1 Show (3-10-2-11) $1906.29 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-10-2) $1816.46

SEVENTH-6½ fur; $71,000; mdn clm($85,000); 3up (f&m)

8	M Bs Mln Crs (SntnJr.)	27.70	12.62	7.14
3	Red Beach (Gaffalione)		14.62	7.84
7	Lil Tipsy (Franco)			3.02

● $1 Pick 3 (4-3-8) $10384.69 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (1-4-3-8) $14545.25 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (9-1-4-3-8) $319000.17 ● $1 Daily Double (3-8) $1361.06 ● $1 Exacta (8-3) $183.89 ● $0.1 Superfecta (8-3-7-1) $252.66 ● $0.5 Trifecta (8-3-7) $327.09 ● $1 Pick 3 (4-3-8) $10384.69 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (1-4-3-8) $14545.25 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (9-1-4-3-8) $319000.17 ● $1 Daily Double (3-8) $1361.06 ● $1 Exacta (8-3) $183.89 ● $0.1 Show (8-3-7-1) $252.66 ● $0.5 Trifecta (8-3-7) $327.09

EIGHTH-5½ fur; $300,000; stk; 3up

6	Jhn th Br Mn (Crmch)	8.92	5.30	3.82
3	Doncho (Santana,Jr.)		8.10	5.40
5	Waralo (Lezcano)			7.22

Scr: Determined Kingdom
● $1 Pick 3 (3-8-6) $10158.34 ● $1 Daily Double (8-6) $109.93 ● $1 Exacta (6-3) $34.25 ● $0.1 Superfecta (6-3-5-2) $40.62 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-3-5) $129.22 ● $1 Pick 3 (3-8-6) $10158.34 ● $1 Daily Double (8-6) $109.93 ● $1 Exacta (6-3) $34.25 ● $0.1 Show (6-3-5-2) $40.62 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-3-5) $129.22

NINTH-7 fur; $105,000; alc; 3up

3	Onbgbtflbll (Rdrgz)	10.30	5.52	3.46
1	Tricky Business (Franco)		6.98	4.18
2	Mo for the King (Prat)			2.62

Scr: Sorority Prank, Caddiemaster
● $1 Pick 3 (8-6-3) $800.06 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (4-3-8-6-3) $454881.22 ● $1 Daily Double (6-3) $32.76 ● $1 Exacta (3-1) $37.49 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-1-2-6) $27.79 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-1-2) $47.72 ● $1 Pick 3 (8-6-3) $800.06 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (4-3-8-6-3) $454881.22 ● $1 Daily Double (6-3) $32.76 ● $1 Exacta (3-1) $37.49 ● $0.1 Show (3-1-2-6) $27.79 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-1-2) $47.72

TENTH-1 1/16 mile; $78,000; soc($55,000-$45,000); 3up

1	Th Pddck Pstr (Ortz)	11.28	6.42	4.08
3	Outsource (Santana,Jr.)		9.02	4.90
8	Hard Circle (Prat)			3.24

Scr: Sequential, Silver Front, Back in the Saddle, Blast Furnace, Fever Night
● $1 Consolation Pick 3 (6-3-7) $27.88 ● $1 Grand Slam (3/7/8-3/5/6-1/2/3/5/7-1) $57.18 ● $1 Pick 3 (6-3-1) $193.48 ● $1 Daily Double (3-1) $42.78 ● $1 Exacta (1-3) $44.08 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-3-8-5) $63.45 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-3-8) $124.56 ● $1 Consolation Double (3-7) $6.21 ● $1 Pick 3 (6-3-1) $193.48 ● $1 Daily Double (3-1) $42.78 ● $1 Exacta (1-3) $44.08 ● $1 Consolidation Pick-3 (6-3-7) $27.88 ● $0.1 Show (1-3-8-5) $63.45 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-3-8) $124.56 ● $1 Place Pick 9 (3/7/8-3/5/6-1/2/3/5/7-1) $57.18 ● $1 Consolation Double (3-7) $6.21

ELEVENTH-5½ fur; $120,000; alc; 3up

9	Bosun (Ortiz)	7.46	4.32	3.66
10	Ortly Avnu (IRE) (Cstlln)		7.36	5.68
2	Brightline Bullet (Franco)			6.34

● $1 Pick 6 (3-8-6-3-1-9) $7129.56 ● $1 Consolation Pick 3 (3-7-9) $22.46 ● $1 Pick 3 (3-1-9) $180.97 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (6-3-1-9) $429.41 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (8-6-3-1-9) $31279.34 ● $1 Daily Double (1-9) $20.81 ● $1 Exacta (9-10) $29.47 ● $0.1 Superfecta (9-10-2-5) $158.51 ● $0.5 Trifecta (9-10-2) $114.22 ● $1 Pick 3 (3-1-9) $180.97 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (6-3-1-9) $429.41 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (8-6-3-1-9) $31279.34 ● $1 Pick 6 (3-8-6-3-1-9) $7129.56 ● $1 Daily Double (1-9) $20.81 ● $1 Exacta (9-10) $29.47 ● $1 Consolidation Pick-3 (3-7-9) $22.46 ● $0.1 Show (9-10-2-5) $158.51 ● $0.5 Trifecta (9-10-2) $114.22

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	12	2	4	40	35	14
Inter Miami CF	11	2	5	38	45	32
New England	9	6	3	30	28	23
Chicago	9	6	2	29	32	23
NYCFC	7	6	5	26	31	24
Cincinnati	7	6	5	26	45	44
Charlotte FC	7	7	4	25	29	27
Red Bulls	7	7	4	25	29	39
D.C. United	5	5	8	23	26	29
Orlando City	6	10	2	20	30	47
Columbus	5	8	5	20	26	28
Toronto FC	3	7	8	17	24	32
Philadelphia	4	10	4	16	25	33
CF Montréal	4	10	4	16	24	35
Atlanta	3	12	3	12	19	33

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	3	4	34	38	17
Los Angeles FC	10	5	4	34	35	19
San Jose	10	5	3	33	37	24
Houston	10	6	2	32	27	24
Real Salt Lake	8	6	3	27	29	25
FC Dallas	7	5	6	27	32	25
St Louis City	7	6	5	26	24	24
Portland	7	8	3	24	33	33
Seattle FC	7	7	3	24	20	22
Minn. United	6	6	6	24	20	25
Colorado	7	10	1	22	27	25
LA Galaxy	5	7	7	22	24	29
San Diego FC	5	7	6	21	32	29
Austin FC	4	9	5	17	22	36
Sporting K.C.	4	12	2	14	18	46

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Saturday

Red Bulls at Atlanta, 7:30pm
Columbus at Charlotte FC, 7:30pm
D.C. United at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Cincinnati at Orlando City, 7:30pm
New England at Toronto FC, 7:30pm
LA Galaxy at Houston, 8:30pm
Miami at Nashville, 8:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Colorado, 9:30pm
Minnesota at Salt Lake, 9:30pm
San Diego FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
St Louis City at San Jose, 10:30pm

Sunday

Philadelphia at **NYCFC**, 6pm
Portland at Chicago, 6pm
FC Dallas at Austin FC, 8:30pm
Vancouver at Seattle FC, 10:30pm

Wednesday, August 19

NYCFC at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Nashville at **Red Bulls**, 7:30pm
CF Montréal at Columbus, 7:30pm
New England at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Chicago at Orlando City, 7:30pm
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Charlotte FC at Toronto FC, 7:30pm
St Louis City at Sporting K.C., 8pm
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Los Angeles FC at Colorado, 9:30pm
FC Dallas at Salt Lake, 9:30pm
Austin FC at Seattle FC, 9:30pm
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm
San Diego FC at Portland, 10:30pm
Houston at Vancouver, 10:30pm

Soccer

English Carabao Cup
Sheffield United 3, Mansfield Town 0
Leagues Cup
Seattle Sounders FC 3, Queretaro 0
Cruz Azul 2, **NYCFC** 1
Philadelphia Union 3, Necaxa 1
Chicago Fire FC 3, Santos 1
Nashville SC 4, Atletico de San Luis 1
Austin FC 3, Puebla 0
San Diego FC 1, Tijuana 0
America 3, Portland Timbers 1
Coppa Italia
Benevento 5, Ravenna 3
Arezzo 2, Union Brescia 0

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	12	3	4	40	24	12
Washington	11	5	3	36	29	17
Utah Royals FC	10	6	3	33	32	21
San Diego	10	7	2	32	24	20
Portland	9	6	4	31	32	28
North Carolina	9	6	3	30	32	26
Kansas City	9	7	3	30	30	26
Angel City	7	7	3	24	26	19
Seattle	7	7	3	24	22	23
Denver Summit FC	6	7	5	23	24	24
Orlando	7	10	2	23	23	29
Boston Legacy FC	5	9	5	20	22	28
Houston	5	8	5	20	20	26
Bay FC	5	9	4	19	18	24
Louisville	5	11	2	17	24	35
Chicago	4	13	1	13	9	33

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Sunday
Portland 4, Boston Legacy FC 3
Bay FC 0, Chicago 0, tie
Angel City 2, Seattle 2, tie
Friday
Kansas City at Gotham FC, 8pm
Denver Summit FC at San Diego, 10pm
Chicago at Seattle, 10pm
Bay FC at Utah Royals FC, 10pm
Saturday
Boston Legacy FC at Louisville, 6:30pm
Orlando at Portland, 8:45pm
Sunday, August 16
Houston at North Carolina, 7pm
Washington at Angel City, 9pm
Wednesday, August 19
Seattle at Louisville, 6:30pm
Chicago at Houston, 8pm

Tennis

ATP National Bank Open
At IGA Stadium; Montreal; Purse: $9,415,725; Surface: Hardcourt outdoor; Sunday (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles - Round of 16
Daniel Merida, Spain, def. Tallon Griekspoor, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-1.
Learner Tien (12), United States, def. Thiago Agustin Tirante, Argentina, 6-4, 6-4.
Ben Shelton (5), United States, def. Joao Fonseca (22), Brazil, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Jakub Mensik (13), Czechia, def. Botic Van de Zandschulp, Netherlands, 6-4, 7-5.

WTA World Tour National Bank Open
At Sobeys Stadium; Toronto; Purse: $7,433,076; Surface: Hardcourt outdoor; Sunday (seedings in parentheses):
Women's Singles - Round of 16
Elena Rybakina (2), Kazakhstan, def. Liudmila Samsonova, Russia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
Coco Gauff (4), United States, def. Alina Korneeva, Russia, 6-3, 6-1.
Naomi Osaka (11), Japan, def. Leylah Fernandez (30), Canada, 6-4, 6-4.
Belinda Bencic (12), Switzerland, def. Alexandra Eala (25), Philippines, 6-4, 6-0.

NASCAR

NASCAR Cup Series Iowa Corn 350 Powered by Ethanol
At Iowa Speedway; Newton, Iowa.; Lap length: 0.88 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (6) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 350 laps, 69 pts.
2. (22) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 350, 49.
3. (1) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 350, 47.
4. (13) Josh Berry, Ford, 350, 33.
5. (29) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 350, 37.
6. (20) Chase Briscoe, Toyota, 350, 40.
7. (9) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 350, 43.
8. (25) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 350, 29.
9. (19) William Byron, Chevrolet, 350, 32.
10. (7) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 350, 33.
11. (8) Connor Zilisch, Chevrolet, 349, 29.
12. (26) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 349, 25.
13. (27) Chris Buescher, Ford, 349, 24.
14. (3) Joey Logano, Ford, 349, 41.
15. (32) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 349, 22.
16. (14) Zane Smith, Ford, 349, 24.
17. (15) Noah Gragson, Ford, 349, 20.
18. (16) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 349, 19.
19. (21) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, 349, 18.
20. (35) Ryan Preece, Ford, 349, 17.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 103.34 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 57 minutes, 49 seconds.
Margin of Victory: .253 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 45 laps.
Lead Changes: 9 among 6 drivers.

Eklund, 19, will get shot to earn Isles roster spot

By ETHAN SEARS

The Islanders don't want to rush their prospects, and as underwhelming as this off-season was, they will head into training camp about a month from now with a depth chart Victor Eklund will need to earn his way up.

This probably did not play into the rationale for keeping around Ondrej Palat, Anthony Duclair and Pierre Engvall — if so, it was a very small piece of the puzzle. But it is a good situation for Eklund's development.

The Islanders' depth chart on the wings ensures a competitive training camp in which Eklund will not be given a spot by default. It is also highly likely that, if Eklund isn't part of the roster Sept. 29 in Toronto, circumstances will conspire to get him a chance sooner rather than later.

VICTOR EKLUND

This is not a redux of Matthew Schaefer, who walked into the NHL like he was armed with a machine gun against machetes. Almost nothing is. The 19-year-old Eklund, who played most of last season with Djurgårdens, his hometown SHL club, will occupy a similar role in the upcoming training camp as Cal Ritchie did a year ago.

Ritchie, recall, came into camp as the obvious 24th man on an eventual 23-man roster. He excelled throughout and made it obvious he would be in the NHL sooner rather than later before a minor injury spared the Islanders from making what would have been an incredibly tough, albeit inevitable, decision to send him to Bridgeport. He ultimately played one game in the AHL before being promoted, and spent the season with the Islanders.

Should Eklund follow a similar path, his 2026-27 season would be a rousing success.

"I think the question is not if he's going to be able to play in the NHL. The question is how much can you get out from him to his maximum, if you know what I mean," Michael Holmqvist, a Djurgårdens assistant coach and Eklund family friend, told The Post on Sunday, "because I think a lot of players can survive playing and doing the job, getting the pucks out, getting the pucks deep and stuff like that and be an energy guy. But I think there's a lot more to Vic than just being that.

"So the question for me is, what's the best thing for him to do right now? Is it to work himself into the NHL right away and trust the process, stuff like that? Or get more time practicing his offensive game. I think that's the question for the Islanders."

Eklund, along with Anton Frondell, Viggo Björck and fellow Islanders prospect Calle Odelius, has been practicing with Djurgårdens recently as SHL training camp has picked up. He's put on a few pounds of muscle, and that will need to continue being a theme as he grows.

Even with a wiry frame, 5-foot-11 and 170 pounds, he has a terrific reputation for winning puck battles and one-on-ones along the boards. There is some question whether he'll need more muscle for it to translate to the NHL, but, Holmqvist said, he wondered the same when Eklund went from the Allsvenskan — Sweden's second division — to the SHL, only for his compete level to keep shining through.

Eventually, that relentlessness could translate into Eklund being an effective net-front player, something the Islanders desperately need with Anders Lee's exit. There is still, though, a long way to go.

"I talked about that three days ago with him," Holmqvist said. "Because we talked about it last year to find that spot and that's probably where he's going to find most of his goals and points. So he's aware of it."

What the finished product looks like is a question that won't be answered this year. For an Islanders club in transition, that's perfectly fine. They have the luxury of being able to cater to what's best for their prospects. As for what that is?

"I think the next couple months will tell," Holmqvist said.

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AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	71	46	.607	—	—	8-2	W-6	41-18	30-28
Yankees	66	52	.559	5½	+7	5-5	L-1	29-26	37-26
Boston	64	53	.547	7	+5½	8-2	L-2	29-31	35-22
Baltimore	57	61	.483	14½	2	5-5	W-1	32-30	25-31
Toronto	56	63	.471	16	3½	6-4	L-1	28-31	28-32

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	61	56	.521	—	—	5-5	W-2	36-22	25-34
Detroit	58	60	.492	3½	1	7-3	W-2	30-27	28-33
Cleveland	58	61	.487	4	1½	3-7	L-2	28-31	30-30
Minnesota	58	61	.487	4	1½	4-6	L-2	30-27	28-34
Kansas City	49	70	.412	13	10½	3-7	L-1	29-30	20-40

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Houston	60	59	.504	—	—	6-4	L-2	30-29	30-30
Texas	59	59	.500	½	—	4-6	L-1	32-27	27-32
Seattle	56	63	.471	4	3½	3-7	L-4	33-29	23-34
Athletics	47	71	.398	12½	12	2-8	W-2	21-36	26-35
Los Angeles	45	73	.381	14½	14	3-7	L-2	25-33	20-40

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday

Atlanta 2, **Yankees** 1, 10 inn.
Athletics 4, Boston 3
Miami 12, L.A. Angels 3
Cubs 10, Kansas City 2
White Sox 5, Cleveland 3
Philadelphia 7, Toronto 6, 12 inn.
Milwaukee 4, Minnesota 3, 10 inn.
Baltimore 10, Texas 5
Detroit 3, San Francisco 1, 10 inn.
Tampa Bay 4, Seattle 1
San Diego 7, Houston 2

Monday

Boston at Toronto, 7:07
Baltimore at Minnesota, 7:40
Texas at L.A. Angels, 9:38
Tampa Bay at Athletics, 9:40
Houston at San Francisco, 9:45
Kansas City at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	71	47	.602	—	—	8-2	W-1	39-20	32-27
Philadelphia	63	56	.529	8½	—	6-4	W-1	32-30	31-26
Miami	60	59	.504	11½	3	5-5	W-2	36-24	24-35
Washington	59	61	.492	13	4½	4-6	W-3	26-34	33-27
Mets	52	67	.437	19½	11	6-4	W-1	25-34	27-33

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	74	44	.627	—	—	7-3	W-2	41-22	33-22
Chicago	69	50	.580	5½	+6	7-3	W-1	35-24	34-26
St. Louis	59	59	.500	15	3½	5-5	W-1	30-33	29-26
Pittsburgh	58	62	.483	17	5½	3-7	L-1	30-30	28-32
Cincinnati	56	61	.479	17½	6	6-4	L-3	29-31	27-30

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	70	48	.593	—	—	2-8	L-1	33-23	37-25
Arizona	63	56	.529	7½	—	6-4	W-1	35-25	28-31
San Diego	62	57	.521	8½	1	7-3	W-2	34-26	28-31
San Francisco	49	69	.415	21	13½	3-7	L-2	27-29	22-40
Colorado	46	72	.390	24	16½	4-6	L-1	27-32	19-40

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday

Atlanta 2, **Yankees** 1, 10 inn.
Mets 11, Pittsburgh 1
Washington 7, Cincinnati 1
Miami 12, L.A. Angels 3
Cubs 10, Kansas City 2
Philadelphia 7, Toronto 6, 12 inn.
St. Louis 7, Colorado 4
Milwaukee 4, Minnesota 3, 10 inn.
Arizona 4, L.A. Dodgers 2
Detroit 3, San Francisco 1, 10 inn.
San Diego 7, Houston 2

Monday

Mets at Atlanta, 7:15
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 7:45
Colorado at Arizona, 9:40
Milwaukee at San Diego, 9:40
Houston at San Francisco, 9:45
Kansas City at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

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Solution to Very Easy #7,366

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Solution to Difficult #7,156

Braves 2, Yankees 1, 10 inn.

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Baldwin c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.270
Acuña rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Olson 1b	4	1	1	1	0	3	.266
Kim pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.067
Kinley p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Harris cf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.291
Albies 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.259
Smith dh-1b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.265
Yastrzemski lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.230
Riley 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Jarvis ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.234
Totals	**33**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**14**	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Grisham cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.213
Rice dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Ramos lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.256
García 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.279
Chisholm 2b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.216
Jones rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.212
Lombard ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.294
McMahon 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.214
Wells c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.175
Totals	**32**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**3**	**9**	

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Yankees	000	000	010		0	—	1	4	1

E: Chisholm (8). **LOB:** Atlanta 2, New York 5. **2B:** Yastrzemski (15), Grisham (17). **HR:** Olson (34), off Schlittler; Grisham (13), off Fuentes. **RBIs:** Olson (72), Harris (67), Grisham (44). **CS:** Harris (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 2 (Smith, Baldwin); New York 4 (McMahon, Ramos 2, Lombard). **RISP:** Atlanta 1 for 5; New York 0 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Jones. LI**DP:** Lombard. **GIDP:** Wells. **DP:** Atlanta 2 (Jarvis, Olson; Olson); New York 1 (Wells, Lombard, Wells).

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Holmes	6.0	3	0	0	2	2	77	3.47
Dodd, H, 10	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	11	1.98
Fuentes, BS, 2-6	1.1	1	1	1	0	3	19	2.49
Iglesias, W, 1-2	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	10	2.95
Kinley, S, 1-5	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	3.95

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Schlittler	7.0	3	1	1	0	11	96	2.21
Castro	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1.42
Blackburn, L, 3-2	2.0	1	1	0	0	2	23	1.95

T: 2:27. **A:** 42,533 (47,309).

Mets 11, Pirates 1

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing lf	4	2	0	0	2	1	.262
Lindor ss	4	2	1	0	1	0	.234
Bichette 3b	5	3	5	3	1	0	.263
Benge rf	5	0	2	1	1	1	.272
Robert cf	5	1	2	4	0	0	.213
Young 1b	5	1	3	1	0	1	.258
Semien 2b	4	0	1	1	1	2	.213
Baty dh	5	0	0	0	0	3	.214
Alvarez c	3	2	1	1	1	2	.253
Totals	**40**	**11**	**15**	**11**	**7**	**10**	

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Mangum cf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.303
Simon rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.278
Reynolds dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.268
Garcia lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.170
Gonzales 3b-2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.306
Valdez lf-1b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.242
Lowe 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.253
Gonzalez ph-ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Flores 1b-p	3	0	0	0	0	2	.200
Triolo ss-3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.242
Davis c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.174
Totals	**31**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**13**	

Mets	203	410	100		11	15	0
Pittsburgh	001	000	000		1	4	1

E: Doval (). **LOB:** New York 12, Pittsburgh 4. **2B:** Bichette 2 (19), Reynolds (28). **3B:** Young (2). **HR:** Robert (5), off Jones; Alvarez (13), off Yates; Mangum (4), off Manaea. **RBIs:** Benge (47), Robert 4 (16), Semien (41), Bichette 3 (59), Young (23), Alvarez (29), Mangum (27). **SF:** Robert. **RISP:** New York 6 for 17; Pittsburgh 0 for 1. **DP:** Pittsburgh 1 (Gonzales, Lowe, Flores).

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Manaea, W, 4-5	7.0	3	1	1	0	11	91	4.13
Weisenburger	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	29	0.00

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Jones, L, 2-4	3.0	6	8	8	3	3	69	5.03
Sisk	1.0	2	1	1	2	0	24	2.48
Yates	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	29	3.73
Doval	1.0	1	0	0	1	3	28	4.33
Soto	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	24	3.81
Montgomery	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	15	3.64
Flores	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	8	0.00

T: 2:43. **A:** 22,753 (38,753).

Athletics 4, Red Sox 3

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bolte cf	5	1	2	0	0	2	.256
Wilson ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.269
Heim c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.226
Soderstrom dh	4	1	1	1	0	2	.245
T.White 1b	4	0	0	1	0	1	.253
Butler rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.202
Ornelas lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Cortes ph-lf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.262
Williams ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.258
Walton pr-2b	0	1	0	0	0	0	.285
Muncy 3b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.220
McNeil 2b-lf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.251
Totals	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**1**	**11**	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Sogard 3b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Rafaela cf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.284
Abreu dh	2	0	0	1	1	0	.255
Contreras 1b	2	1	0	0	0	1	.285
Monasterio ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.268
Seigler 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.248
Duran lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.201
Jones ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.198
E.White rf	4	1	3	1	0	1	.236
Rogers c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.183
Durbin ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.251
Totals	**32**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**3**	**4**	

Athletics	100	100	011		4	9	1
Boston	010	020	000		3	6	1

E: Ginn (1), Miller (). **LOB:** Athletics 6, Boston 8. **2B:** Bolte (9), Heim (14), Muncy (8). **3B:** Soderstrom (3). **RBIs:** Soderstrom (55), T.White (1), Heim (39), Muncy (21), E.White (18), Sogard (4), Abreu (63). **SB:** McNeil (5), Walton (1). **SF:** Abreu. **S:** Sogard. **RISP:** Athletics 2 for 11; Boston 1 for 8. **Runners moved up:** Soderstrom, T.White. **GIDP:** Duran. **DP:** 1 (McNeil, Wilson, T.White).

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ginn	6.0	5	3	1	2	2	95	3.41
Basso	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4.76
Alvarado, W, 4-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	4.46
Harris, S, 11-16	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	20	3.63

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Miller	1.0	2	1	0	0	2	17	2.50
Bello	4.0	3	1	1	0	4	51	4.84
Guerrero, H, 15	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	2.10
Morán, H, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	2.62
Whitlock, BS, 2-5	1.0	2	1	1	0	3	23	2.05
Chapman, L, 2-4	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	23	2.04

T: 2:38. **A:** 36,817 (37,755).

Nationals 7, Reds 1

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.271
Stewart 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.255
Bleday lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.225
Stephenson c	4	1	1	0	0	2	.248
Suárez dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.203
Rodríguez rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.154
Myers cf	2	0	0	1	0	1	.260
McLain 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.195
Hayes 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.139
Friedl ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.164
I.Johnson 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.083
Totals	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**9**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Abrams ss	5	1	1	0	0	1	.287
Ortiz 1b	3	1	2	1	0	0	.273
Chaparro ph-1b	2	0	1	2	0	1	.235
Tena dh	2	0	0	0	1	1	.238
House ph-dh-3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.227
Lile lf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.247
Crews rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.218
Vivas 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.238
Pinckney pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.500
Bird p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Nuñez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Ruiz c	3	1	3	1	1	0	.279
Young cf	3	1	0	2	0	0	.241
Totals	**36**	**7**	**13**	**7**	**2**	**7**	

Cincinnati	010	000	000		1	4	1
Washington	021	000	13x		7	13	0

E: Burke (2). **LOB:** Cincinnati 3, Washington 8. **2B:** Bleday (12), Chaparro (8). **HR:** Ortiz (2), off Singer. **RBIs:** Myers (18), Ruiz (39), Young 2 (42), Ortiz (4), Lile (61), Chaparro 2 (28). **SB:** Abrams (22), Pinckney (1). **SF:** Myers, Young. **RISP:** Cincinnati 0 for 3; Washington 4 for 11. **DP:** Washington 1 (Nuñez, Abrams, Chaparro).

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Singer, L, 5-11	6.0	8	3	3	1	3	103	4.66
Burke	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	18	2.84
Antone	1.0	3	3	3	1	2	26	2.92

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lord	2.2	2	1	1	0	4	51	3.79
Dion, W, 1-0	3.0	1	0	0	0	1	41	3.86
Williams, H, 1	2.1	1	0	0	0	2	36	0.00
Bird	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	12	5.74

T: 2:39. **A:** 21,375 (41,376).

Marlins 12, Angels 3

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Meckler lf	4	1	1	0	1	2	.304
Trout dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.235
Peraza ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.232
Schanuel 1b	2	1	1	1	3	0	.274
Neto ss	5	0	1	1	0	1	.225
Ballesteros c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.225
Guzman 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Lowe rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.198
Siri cf	4	1	2	1	0	2	.273
Frazier 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.202
Totals	**36**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**4**	**12**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Stowers 1b	4	1	2	2	0	2	.242
Jiménez pr-1b	1	0	0	1	0	0	.215
Edwards 2b	4	1	0	0	1	2	.284
Lopez ss	5	2	2	0	0	1	.318
Conine dh	4	2	2	3	1	2	.265
Hernández lf	5	0	1	0	0	3	.227
Caissie rf	4	2	2	1	1	0	.231
Ramírez c	1	0	0	0	1	1	.238
Mack c	2	2	1	0	1	0	.234
Marsee cf	5	1	2	0	0	1	.206
Sanoja 3b	4	1	2	3	0	0	.274
Totals	**39**	**12**	**14**	**10**	**5**	**12**	

Los Angeles	110	000	001		3	7	2
Miami	300	160	11x		12	14	2

E: Schanuel (8), Guzman (4), Sanoja (11), Lopez (17). **LOB:** Los Angeles 10, Miami 8. **2B:** Neto (22), Siri (7). **3B:** Stowers (4). **HR:** Siri (7), off Gusto; Conine (11), off Anderson; Conine (12), off Heineman. **RBIs:** Neto (51), Siri (20), Schanuel (41), Caissie (51), Sanoja 3 (42), Conine 3 (26), Stowers 2 (52), Jiménez (13). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 5 (Ballesteros 3, Neto, Frazier); Miami 3 (Lopez, Edwards, Marsee). **RISP:** Los Angeles 1 for 7; Miami 6 for 16.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodriguez, L, 3-5	4.0	4	4	3	4	8	83	7.20
Anderson	1.0	6	6	6	1	2	31	7.65
Weiman	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	17	0.00
Watson	1.0	2	1	0	0	0	26	4.45
Heineman	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	14	9.00

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gusto	4.0	3	2	2	1	4	60	4.78
Petersen, W, 2-2	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	15	2.98
Zuber	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	18	3.80
Faucher	1.0	2	0	0	1	1	29	4.35
Vodnik	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	5.40
Ekness	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	13	2.00

T: 2:54. **A:** 13,215 (37,446).

Cubs 10, Royals 2

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong dh	5	2	1	0	1	2	.286
Busch 1b	5	2	3	0	0	0	.248
Triantos ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Bregman 3b	6	1	3	2	0	1	.249
Happ lf	5	2	3	2	0	1	.216
Conforto rf	4	0	2	2	0	1	.237
Hoerner 2b	3	1	2	1	1	0	.260
Ramirez ph-2b-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.295
Swanson ss	4	1	1	0	1	1	.214
Amaya c	5	1	2	3	0	2	.242
Taylor cf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.241
Totals	**44**	**10**	**18**	**10**	**3**	**9**	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Loftin 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Witt dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.284
Caglianone rf-1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.264
Perez 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.216
Rave rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Marte lf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.250
Massey 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.262
Tolbert ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.314
Maile c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.278
Isbel cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.233
Totals	**31**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**3**	**5**	

Chicago	102	103	300		10	18	0
Kansas City	000	200	000		2	6	0

LOB: Chicago 11, Kansas City 5. **2B:** Busch (20), Hoerner (25), Crow-Armstrong (23). **3B:** Massey (1). **HR:** Happ (20), off McGee; Amaya (4), off McGee; Marte (2), off Boyd. **RBIs:** Conforto 2 (26), Hoerner (55), Bregman 2 (53), Happ 2 (51), Amaya 3 (21), Marte 2 (14). **SB:** Hoerner (18). **CS:** Witt (6). **SF:** Conforto. **RISP:** Chicago 7 for 15; Kansas City 0 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Busch 2. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Busch).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Boyd, W, 8-1	7.0	5	2	2	3	3	98	3.50
Zeferjahn	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	24	3.64
Assad	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3.54

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Dobnak, L, 2-1	5.0	10	4	4	1	4	94	2.00
McGee	2.0	5	6	6	2	3	41	8.59
Erceg	1.0	2	0	0	0	2	17	6.07
Rojas	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	13	0.00

T: 2:44. **A:** 24,225 (38,427).

Rays 4, Mariners 1

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	5	1	4	1	0	0	.298
Aranda 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.286
C.Simpson lf	5	1	4	0	0	0	.304
Caminero 3b	4	1	0	0	1	2	.278
Hicks c	5	0	2	2	0	0	.283
Mesa rf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.212
Mullins cf	3	1	1	1	1	0	.207
Palacios 2b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.233
Vilade ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Williams 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.091
Walls ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.211
Totals	**40**	**4**	**14**	**4**	**2**	**4**	

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ward rf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.242
Young 2b	4	0	2	1	0	1	.265
Arozarena lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Canzone dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.251
Rodríguez cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.258
Naylor 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.263
Raleigh c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.161
Wilson 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.202
Emerson ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.196
Totals	**34**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**2**	**9**	

Tampa Bay	000	112	000		4	14	2
Seattle	100	000	000		1	6	0

a-grounded out for Palacios in the 5th. **E:** Seymour (1), Walls (7). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 12, Seattle 9. **2B:** C.Simpson (12), Hicks (11). **3B:** Ward (1). **RBIs:** Díaz (65), Mullins (36), Hicks 2 (68), Young (52). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 7 (Hicks, Mesa 4, Vilade, Aranda); Seattle 4 (Young 2, Ward 2). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 4 for 16; Seattle 1 for 5. **Runners moved up:** Mesa. **GIDP:** Aranda, Arozarena. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1 (Caminero, Palacios, Aranda); Seattle 1 (Emerson, Naylor).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Seymour, W, 9-3	6.0

Diamondbacks 4, Dodgers 2

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.292
Pages cf	4	0	2	1	0	2	.272
Freeman 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.303
Edman 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.279
Betts ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.229
Tucker rf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.244
T.Hernández lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.249
Muncy ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.248
E.Hernández 3b	2	1	1	0	1	0	.286
Rortvedt c	2	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Rojas ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Feducia c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Totals	**32**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**11**	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Perdomo ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.245
Carroll rf	4	1	0	0	0	2	.240
Moreno c	4	1	1	1	0	0	.302
Marte dh	4	1	1	2	0	1	.244
Arenado 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.240
Vargas 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.272
Tawa cf-1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.235
Locklear 1b	3	1	1	0	0	2	.281
Barrosa cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.198
Waldschmidt lf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.283
Totals	**30**	**4**	**6**	**3**	**3**	**7**	

Los Angeles	001 001 000 — 2 6 1
Arizona	220 000 00x — 4 6 0

E: Wrobleski (2). **LOB:** Los Angeles 5, Arizona 6. **2B:** Pages (24), Locklear (3), Moreno (21). **3B:** Tucker (3). **HR:** Marte (20), off Wrobleski. **RBIs:** Pages (76), Tucker (54), Marte 2 (64), Moreno (51). **S:** Waldschmidt. **RISP:** Los Angeles 1 for 5; Arizona 0 for 7. **DP:** Arizona 1 (Vargas, Perdomo, Tawa).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wrobleski, L, 11-4	3.1	6	4	3	3	3	76	3.44
Henriquez	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.09
Phillips	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	9	4.22
Hurt	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	4.46
J.Hernández	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	26	6.45

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodriguez, W, 11-4	7.0	5	2	2	2	9	115	2.70
Clarke, H, 13	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	9	2.19
Ginkel, S, 1-2	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	3.60

IT: 2:25. **A:** 43,775 (48,359).

Phillies 7, Blue Jays 6, 12 inn.

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bateman cf	6	0	2	1	0	2	.214
Guerrero dh	5	1	1	0	0	1	.261
Springer pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.234
J.Sánchez ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.270
Kirk c	6	1	2	1	0	1	.253
Okamoto 1b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.225
Clement 2b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.284
Giménez ss	5	0	1	2	0	3	.238
Straw rf-lf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.218
Smith 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.213
Schneider lf	2	0	0	0	1	2	.142
Lukes ph-rf	2	1	1	0	0	0	.270
Totals	**44**	**6**	**10**	**5**	**3**	**15**	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Schwarber dh	3	2	2	4	3	0	.247
Stubbs pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.132
Turner ss	6	0	0	0	0	3	.248
Harper rf	2	0	0	0	4	2	.255
Arraez 2b	6	1	0	0	0	1	.320
Realmuto c	6	1	1	0	0	1	.225
Stott 3b	4	1	2	1	1	0	.263
Marsh lf	5	0	1	0	1	1	.274
Bohm 1b	4	1	2	1	2	0	.227
Crawford cf	2	1	1	0	0	0	.266
Hill ph-cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.239
Totals	**42**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**11**	**9**	

Toronto	000 110 030 001 — 6 10 0
Philadelphia	003 011 000 002 — 7 10 1

One out when winning run scored. **E:** Bohm (10). **LOB:** Toronto 9, Philadelphia 16. **2B:** Guerrero (19), Clement (28). **HR:** Schwarber 2 (35), off Bieber. **RBIs:** Kirk (19), Bateman (1), Clement (39), Giménez 2 (47), Schwarber 4 (68), Bohm (63), Stott (53), Hill (22). **SB:** Stott (22), Harper (7), Schwarber (3). **S:** Smith, Stott. **RISP:** Toronto 5 for 15; Philadelphia 5 for 15. **Runners moved up:** Kirk, Smith, Marsh. **GIDP:** J.Sánchez, Guerrero. **DP:** Toronto 1 (Lukes, Kirk, Lukes); Philadelphia 2 (Arraez, Turner, Bohm; Arraez, Turner, Bohm).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bieber	5.2	6	5	5	3	4	97	5.48
Little	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	32	10.20
Miles	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	4	3.24
Rogers	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	13 1.70
Fluharty	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	4.02
Fisher	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	17 3.66
Estrada, L, 1-1, BS, 1-2	0.1	3	2	1	1	0	14	4.50

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Luzardo	7.0	4	2	2	1	12	100	3.32
Kerkering, BS, 1-4	1.0	4	3	3	0	0	27	3.88
Duran	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	11	1.74
Mayza	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	16	3.48
Raley	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2.23
Kilian, W, 4-7	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	13	4.91

T: 3:30. **A:** 40,398 (42,901).

Orioles 10, Rangers 5

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Henderson ss	4	2	0	0	1	2	.213
Jackson 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Alonso 1b	3	3	3	4	2	0	.252
Encarnacion-Strand ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Holliday 2b-ss	5	2	2	0	0	0	.246
O'Neill dh	5	1	1	2	0	3	.219
Beavers lf	4	1	1	1	1	1	.241
Taveras rf	5	0	2	1	0	1	.224
Mayo 3b-1b	5	0	3	0	0	0	.212
Cowser cf	4	1	2	2	1	1	.212
Narváez c	4	0	1	0	1	1	.183
Totals	**41**	**10**	**15**	**10**	**6**	**10**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Langford lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.261
Lopez lf	1	1	1	1	0	0	.278
Seager dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.195
Wynns ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.123
Duran ss	4	1	0	1	1	0	.272
Nimmo rf	4	1	1	3	0	1	.274
Carter cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.194
Burger 1b	2	0	1	0	2	0	.238
Foscue 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.255
Díaz c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Bride 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.250
Cauley cf-rf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.218
Totals	**35**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**4**	**6**	

Baltimore	230 202 001 — 10 15 0
Texas	003 000 002 — 5 8 0

LOB: Baltimore 10, Texas 8. **2B:** Holliday (7), Taveras (12). **3B:** Mayo (3), Lopez (1). **HR:** Cowser (9), off Rocker; Alonso (24), off Rocker; Alonso (25), off Montgomery; O'Neill (10), off Montgomery; Nimmo (13), off Povich. **RBIs:** Beavers (19), Taveras (42), Cowser 2 (30), Alonso 4 (75), O'Neill 2 (22), Nimmo 3 (46), Lopez (20), Duran (64). **SB:** Henderson (9), Holliday (6). **RISP:** Baltimore 4 for 13; Texas 1 for 8. **DP:** Texas 1 (Bride, Duran, Burger).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Povich	3.0	4	3	3	2	2	61	4.45
Hiraldo, W, 1-0	2.0	1	0	0	1	3	32	7.50
Hoppe	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	14	5.46
Kittredge	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.67
Suárez	2.0	1	2	2	1	1	32	4.22

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rocker, L, 4-9	3.0	7	6	6	2	5	69	4.46
Montgomery	4.0	6	3	3	1	2	79	6.75
Winn	2.0	2	1	1	3	3	42	6.02

T: 3:00. **A:** 35,334 (40,000).

Cardinals 7, Rockies 4

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy rf	5	1	2	0	0	0	.306
Carrigg cf	3	0	1	0	2	1	.297
Rumfield 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.295
Goodman dh	4	1	2	2	0	0	.254
Moniak lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.276
Karros 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.267
Castro 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.263
Sullivan c	3	1	2	2	1	0	.240
Tovar ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.204
Totals	**36**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**3**	**5**	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	3	2	2	2	2	0	.249
Herrera dh	5	1	4	1	0	0	.250
Burleson 1b	4	2	1	1	1	0	.283
Walker rf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.285
Crooks c	3	0	0	1	0	0	.184
Winn ss	4	1	2	1	0	0	.242
Church cf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.238
Fermín 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Torres lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.225
Pereira lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Totals	**34**	**7**	**14**	**7**	**3**	**3**	

Colorado	100 002 010 — 4 10 2
St. Louis	102 010 03x — 7 14 0

E: Castro (9), Carrigg (3). **LOB:** Colorado 8, St. Louis 8. **2B:** McCarthy (25), Castro (17), Winn (16), Wetherholt (12). **HR:** Sullivan (5), off McGreevy; Goodman (34), off Soriano; Burleson (19), off Lorenzen. **RBIs:** Goodman 2 (69), Sullivan 2 (20), Walker (83), Crooks (12), Winn (47), Burleson (78), Wetherholt 2 (45), Herrera (50). **SF:** Crooks. **S:** Fermín. **RISP:** Colorado 3 for 8; St. Louis 4 for 13. **DP:** Colorado 2 (Rumfield; Castro, Tovar, Rumfield); St. Louis 1 (Winn, Burleson).

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lorenzen	4.1	8	4	2	3	1	97	6.83
Gordon, L, 0-3	3.1	4	2	2	0	2	48	5.88
Mushinski	0.1	2	1	1	0	0	7	2.45

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McGreevy	5.2	8	3	3	2	4	102	3.64
Bruihl, H, 9	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	9	3.45
Soriano, W, 5-3	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	21	3.66
O'Brien, S, 29-34	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3.21

T: 2:54. **A:** 25,589 (44,494).

Brewers 4, Twins 3

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Jeffers ph-c	1	0	0	0	1	1	.278
Lewis 1b-2b	5	0	0	0	0	4	.235
Bell dh	4	1	0	0	1	1	.251
Clemens 2b-lf	4	1	1	2	1	2	.231
Lee 3b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.240
Keaschall cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Caratini c-1b	3	0	2	0	1	1	.228
Roden rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Martin ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.232
Kreidler ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.236
Totals	**37**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**4**	**15**	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Chourio lf	3	1	1	1	2	1	.275
Turang 2b-ss	4	1	1	0	1	2	.272
Vaughn 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.300
Mitchell ph-cf	2	0	1	0	1	0	.255
Contreras dh-c	5	0	0	0	0	2	.264
Bauers 1b	3	1	2	2	2	0	.271
Lara rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Sánchez c	3	1	1	0	1	1	.225
Yelich pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Hall p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Lockridge cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.284
Bae 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	1.000
Hamilton ss-3b	3	0	1	1	0	2	.238
Totals	**32**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**7**	**11**	

Minnesota	000 012 000 — 3 5 0
Milwaukee	100 020 000 — 4 8 1

One out when winning run scored. **E:** Turang (4). **LOB:** Minnesota 9, Milwaukee 10. **2B:** Sánchez (7), Hamilton (9). **HR:** Lee (17), off Misiorowski; Clemens (20), off Misiorowski; Chourio (17), off Prielipp; Bauers (21), off Prielipp. **RBIs:** Lee (61), Clemens 2 (55), Chourio (47), Bauers 2 (67), Hamilton (16). **SB:** Keaschall (14). **CS:** Bauers (3), Turang (4). **S:** Hamilton, Bae. **RISP:** Minnesota 1 for 11; Milwaukee 2 for 11.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Prielipp	5.0	5	3	3	2	7	96	4.79
Nance	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	11	3.32
Minter	1.1	1	0	0	1	0	16	2.33
Morris	0.2	0	0	0	2	0	14	3.09
Funderburk	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	15	2.92
Gómez, L, 2-2	0.1	1	1	0	1	1	9	3.27

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Misiorowski	6.0	4	3	3	1	9	94	1.76
Ashby	1.0	1	0	0	1	3	27	3.56
Uribe	1.0	0	0	0	2	0	33	2.05
Megill	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	2.58
Hall, W, 1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	2.60

T: 3:15. **A:** 42,731 (41,700).

White Sox 5, Guardians 3

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan cf	5	1	2	0	0	2	.265
DeLauter rf	3	1	0	0	2	1	.277
Ramírez 3b	3	0	2	1	1	0	.238
Lowe 1b	2	0	0	1	0	1	.267
Hoskins ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Adell lf	3	0	0	0	1	3	.234
Bazzana dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.241
Rocchio ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.254
Bailey c	2	0	0	0	2	0	.191
Genao 2b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.368
Totals	**30**	**3**	**5**	**2**	**8**	**9**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Doyle cf	5	1	2	0	0	0	.221
Murakami 1b	4	0	1	1	1	2	.237
Vargas 3b	3	1	1	0	2	0	.235
Grichuk lf	3	1	1	1	0	2	.262
Benintendi ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Peters lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.265
B.Montgomery rf	3	1	0	0	1	3	.235
C.Montgomery dh	3	1	1	3	0	1	.215
Quero c	1	0	0	0	3	0	.194
Antonacci 2b	1	0	0	0	2	0	.273
Acuña ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Totals	**28**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**9**	**10**	

Cleveland	200 000 001 — 3 5 0
Chicago	104 000 00x — 5 6 1

E: B.Montgomery (4). **LOB:** Cleveland 10, Chicago 10. **2B:** Murakami (11), Vargas (26), Doyle (6), Grichuk (14). **HR:** C.Montgomery (26), off Yoho. **RBIs:** Lowe (43), Ramírez (36), Murakami (54), Grichuk (25), C.Montgomery 3 (68). **SB:** Ramírez (29), Doyle (11). **CS:** Antonacci (7). **SF:** Lowe, Ramírez. **RISP:** Cleveland 1 for 8; Chicago 4 for 11. **DP:** Cleveland 1 (Bailey, Genao, Bailey).

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cantillo	1.0	3	1	1	0	3	31	3.91
Herrin	1.2	1	0	0	0	2	24	3.66
Yoho, L, 2-1, BS, 0-1	0.1	2	4	4	4	0	31	5.40
Holderman	1.2	0	0	0	1	2	26	2.14
Sabrowski	0.2	0	0	0	3	0	19	3.62
Gaddis	1.2	0	0	0	1	2	25	3.43
C.Smith	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	2.36

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martin	1.0	2	2	1	1	1	23	4.17
H.Smith, W, 1-0	2.0	0	0	0	4	3	48	0.00
Newcomb, H, 10	1.1	1	0	0	1	2	29	2.70
Brazobán, H, 9	1.2	0	0	0	0	1	22	2.54
Hudson, H, 8	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	17	2.72
Hicks, H, 8	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	14	3.44
Richards, S, 1-3	1.0	0	1	1	2	0	22	3.42

T: 2:53. **A:** 31,263 (40,241).

Padres 7, Astros 2

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Peña ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.297
Alvarez dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.322
Paredes 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.251
Altuve 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Trammell rf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.238
Walker 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Varsho cf	3	1	1	2	0	1	.237
Diaz c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Wade lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Totals	**29**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**5**	

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	5	1	2	3	0	1	.283
Cronenworth 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Machado 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.212
France 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.287
Merrill cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.244
Rengifo lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.239
Bowen pr-lf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.151
Sheets dh	2	1	1	1	1	0	.214
aHays ph-dh	1	1	1	2	0	0	.250
Bogaerts ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Fermin c	4	1	2	0	0	2	.194
Totals	**36**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**1**	**6**	

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San Diego	010 301 02x — 7 12 0

LOB: Houston 0, San Diego 6. **2B:** Tatis (25). **HR:** Varsho (8), off Vásquez; Merrill (18), off Javier; Tatis (11), off Javier; Sheets (15), off Blubaugh; Hays (2), off B.King. **RBIs:** Varsho 2 (28), Merrill (59), Tatis 3 (54), Sheets (44), Hays 2 (9). **RISP:** Houston 1 for 1; San Diego 1 for 3.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Javier, L, 1-3	5.0	8	4	4	1	2	86	6.68
Blubaugh	2.0	2	1	1	0	1	25	3.61
B.King	1.0	2	2	2	0	3	24	3.83

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Vásquez, W, 8-6	5.0	2	2	2	0	1	62	4.16
Hart, H, 6	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	7	4.18
Rodriguez, H, 9	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	17	2.21
Estrada	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	12	3.42

T: 2:17. **A:** 40,160 (40,222).

Golf

LIV Golf New York
Sunday
At Trump National Golf Club Bedminster
Bedminster, N.J.
Purse: $20M (Individual); $10M (Team)
Yardage: 7,651; Par: 71Final
Round

Joaquin Niemann, $4,000,000	64-65-70-69--268.....-16
Harold Varner III, $2,250,000	69-67-65-70--271.....-13
Lee Westwood, $1,250,000	69-65-69-72--275.....-9
Scott Vincent, $1,250,000	69-68-72-66--275.....-9
An Byeong-hun, $800,000	72-68-68-69--277.....-7
Thomas Pieters, $608,333	68-70-70-70--278.....-6
Tom McKibbin, $608,333	70-66-70-72--278.....-6
Paul Casey, $608,333	70-67-73-68--278.....-6
Song Young-han, $432,500	72-70-68-70--280.....-4
Branden Grace, $432,500	73-69-72-66--280.....-4
Laurie Canter, $360,000	73-70-72-66--281.....-3
Sergio García, $360,000	70-65-72-74--281.....-3
Richard T. Lee, $360,000	73-68-73-67--281.....-3
Danny Lee, $320,000	71-71-72-68--282.....-2
Caleb Surratt, $292,500	76-69-68-71--284.....E
Peter Uihlein, $292,500	71-69-75-69--284.....E
Thomas Detry, $250,000	77-69-69-70--285.....1
Richard Bland, $250,000	73-64-71-77--285.....1
Anirban Lahiri, $250,000	74-67-73-71--285.....1
Brendan Steele, $250,000	68-74-74-69--285.....1
Marc Leishman, $250,000	71-69-75-70--285.....1
David Puig, $203,000	71-75-69-71--286.....2
Charl Schwartzel, $203,000	75-69-69-73--286.....2
Victor Perez, $203,000	73-72-70-71--286.....2
Lucas Herbert, $203,000	66-71-73-76--286.....2
Yosuke Asaji, $203,000	70-69-74-73--286.....2
Talor Gooch, $185,000	74-68-75-70--287.....3
Charles Howell III, $172,500	75-69-71-73--288.....4
Cameron Smith, $172,500	75-72-72-69--288.....4
Dustin Johnson, $172,500	71-70-72-75--288.....4
Ian Poulter, $172,500	66-72-74-76--288.....4
Abraham Ancer, $153,125	71-72-70-76--289.....5
Josele Ballester, $153,125	71-72-75-71--289.....5
Martin Vorster, $153,125	74-70-75-70--289.....5
Michael La Sasso, $153,125	72-69-76-72--289.....5
Björn Hellgren, $143,750	75-71-69-75--290.....6
Tyrrell Hatton, $143,750	73-76-69-72--290.....6
B. DeChambeau, $137,500	76-74-70-71--291.....7
Travis Smyth, $137,500	71-71-73-76--291.....7
Carlos Ortiz, $137,500	71-71-76-73--291.....7

PGA Tour - Wyndham Championship At Sedgefield Country Club; Greensboro, N.C.; Purse: $8.5 million; Yardage: 7,131; Par: 70
Final Round

Michael Brennan (500), $1,530,000	66-65-63-64 258 -22
Beau Hossler (300), $926,500	61-67-66-67 261 -19
Benjamin James (190), $586,500	62-67-72-61 262 -18
Kevin Yu (135), $416,500	65-68-65-66 264 -16
Harry Hall (105), $328,313	69-66-64-66 265 -15
Tom Kim (105), $328,313	65-67-63-70 265 -15
Hideki Matsuyama (80), $249,475	65-69-66-66 266 -14
Alex Noren (80), $249,475	66-65-65-70 266 -14
Andrew Novak (80), $249,475	68-68-67-63 266 -14
Alex Smalley (80), $249,475	67-64-65-70 266 -14
Matt Wallace (80), $249,475	71-66-64-65 266 -14
Nicolas Echavarria (63), $189,125	68-69-62-68 267 -13
Billy Horschel (63), $189,125	65-66-70-66 267 -13
Zachary Bauchou (53), $146,625	64-69-68-67 268 -12
Sungjae Im (53), $146,625	67-68-67-66 268 -12
Jordan L. Smith (53), $146,625	65-64-70-69 268 -12
Justin Thomas (53), $146,625	66-70-66-66 268 -12
Davis Thompson (53), $146,625	64-68-65-71 268 -12
Doug Ghim (45), $112,625	64-67-72-66 269 -11
Kevin Roy (45), $112,625	68-66-67-68 269 -11
Jordan Spieth (45), $112,625	68-69-65-67 269 -11
Chandler Phillips (39), $88,825	67-67-68-68 270 -10
David Skinns (39), $88,825	66-65-69-70 270 -10
Jackson Suber (39), $88,825	67-65-70-68 270 -10

LPGA Tour Schedule

July 9-12 — The Amundi Evian Championship (Hae-Ran Ryu)
July 23-26 — ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open (Jenny Shin)
July 30-Aug. 2 — AIG Women's Open (Shiho Kuwaki)
Aug. 13-16 — The Standard Portland Classic, Portland, Ore.
Aug. 20-23 — CPKC Women's Open, Edmonton, Alberta
Aug. 27-30 — FM Championship, Norton, Mass.
Sept. 11-13 — Solheim Cup, Cromvoirt, Netherlands
Sept. 25-27 — Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G, Rogers, Ark.

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	20	12	.625	—
Washington	19	12	.613	½
Atlanta	19	12	.613	½
Liberty	20	13	.606	½
Chicago	12	20	.375	8
Toronto	10	21	.323	9½
Connecticut	8	23	.258	11½

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The POST Line

MLB
Monday
American League

Favorite	Money Lines	Underdog
Red Sox	$136-164	BLUE JAYS
Orioles	-108-112	TWINS
Rangers	$102-123	ANGELS
Rays	$130-154	ATHLETICS
National League		
Favorite	**Money Lines**	**Underdog**
BRAVES	$130-157	Mets
Phillies	-108-112	CARDINALS
D'BACKS	OFF	Rockies
Brewers	-104-112	PADRES
Interleague		
Favorite	**Money Lines**	**Underdog**
Astros	$134-158	GIANTS
DODGERS	$243-306	Royals

Home team in CAPS

College Football
Saturday - Aug. 29

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
TCU	7.5 (47.5)	Unc
USC	38.5 (60.5)	San Jose St.
VIRGINIA	5.5 (54.5)	Nc State
N. DAKOTA ST.	7.5 (47.5)	Jacksonville St.
E. MICHIGAN	8.5 (52.5)	Sacramento St.
STANFORD	5.5 (49.5)	Hawaii
FLORIDA ST.	31.5 (52.5)	N.Mexico St.
UNLV	6 (57.5)	Memphis

Home team in CAPS

NFL Exhibition
Thursday- Week 1

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
BENGALS	7 (37.5)	Lions
STEELERS	1.5 (37.5)	Packers
PATRIOTS	1.5 (38.5)	Colts
TEXANS	1.5 (37.5)	Chargers
RAIDERS	2.5 (40.5)	Cardinals
Titans	3 (38.5)	49ers
Friday		
JETS	1.5 (35.5)	Buccaneers
Dolphins	2.5 (36.5)	COMMANDERS
Broncos	5.5 (38.5)	FALCONS
Saturday		
Vikings	3 (38.5)	**GIANTS**
Panthers	1.5 (38.5)	BILLS
BEARS	1.5 (38.5)	Browns
Jaguars	1.5 (38.5)	SAINTS
CHIEFS	1.5 (36.5)	Rams
Eagles	2.5 (36.5)	RAVENS
SEAHAWKS	2.5 (37.5)	Cowboys

Home team in CAPS

WNBA
Monday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
DREAM	11.5 (180.5)	Tempo
STORM	1.5 (180.5)	Sky
Tuesday		
FEVER	4.5 (191.5)	**Liberty**
ACES	7.5 (167.5)	Mystics

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Rays cap sweep in Seattle

Cedric Mullins' RBI single in the fifth inning put AL East-leading Tampa Bay ahead and **Ian Seymour** pitched six innings of one-run ball as the Rays beat the Mariners 4-1 to complete a three-game series sweep in Seattle.

● In Phoenix, **Eduardo Rodriguez** struck out nine in seven strong innings and the Diamondbacks clinched their first season series over the Dodgers since 2018 with a 4-2 victory.

● In Boston, **Jacob Wilson** set an MLB record for his position, playing his 111th consecutive errorless game at shortstop for the Athletics in a 4-3 win over the Red Sox. Wilson, who last made an error July 6, 2025, against San Francisco, surpassed the Orioles' **Mike Bordick**, who went 110 games in 2002.

WNBA: McBride hits record 10 treys

Kayla McBride made a WNBA-record 10 3-pointers and finished with a career-high 43 points as the Lynx beat the Wings 103-90 in Minneapolis.

● In Los Angeles, **Cecilia Zandalasini** scored 15 points on 5-of-5 shooting from 3-point range, **Tiffany Hayes** added 14 and the Valkyries blew most of a 19-point lead before beating the Sparks 84-78.

GOLF: Brennan wins, in for FedEx

Michael Brennan had another Sunday opportunity and delivered in a big way in Greensboro, N.C. He made five straight birdies to pull away from **Beau Hossler** and close with a 6-under 64 to win the Wyndham Championship and reach the PGA Tour's lucrative FedEx Cup.

● In Omaha, Neb., **Frankie Harris** made an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a 12-under 59 and won the Pinnacle Bank Championship with a par on second playoff hole for his first Korn Ferry Tour title in only his sixth start this year.

ETC.: Gibbs' grandson takes Iowa

Ty Gibbs — the 23-year-old grandson of former NFL coaching great and NASCAR team owner **Joe Gibbs** — used late pit strategy and held off teammate **Christopher Bell** over the final 20 laps to win the NASCAR Cup Series race at Iowa Speedway in Newton.

● The Panthers signed **Kyle Trask** as a third quarterback with Hall of Fame Game hero **Haynes King** expected to miss time with a hamstring injury.

● **Hezly Rivera**, the 18-year-old Olympic gold medalist who grew up in Bergen County, N.J., rallied to capture her second consecutive U.S. women's title.

TOP PLAY

Go with Frenchman Fils in ATP Montreal quarters

By MIKE TURAY

ATP Montreal action proceeds Monday with Rafael Jodar of Spain competing against France's Arthur Fils in a key quarterfinal match showcasing two rising tennis stars.

This is their third encounter this season, as Jodar beat Fils at last week's DC Open, while Fils won their previous match in Barcelona in April.

This match is projected to be close, with oddsmakers barely favoring Jodar at -113 on the moneyline and Fils at -108 on FanDuel Sportsbook.

Jodar's journey has been a fairy tale, as he was ranked No. 168 to start the year and has since climbed to No. 15 during this tournament.

The 19-year-old is having a remarkable year, claiming his first ATP title in Marrakech and advancing far in Madrid, Rome and Paris, which moved him into the top 30. He also came close to beating Taylor Fritz last week in the final of the DC Open.

Jodar defeated Jiri Lehecka 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday, joining Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz as the only teenagers since 1990 to reach three or more consecutive ATP Masters 1000 quarterfinals.

Fils outperformed Cameron Norrie in his round of 16 match and, overall, is a tricky matchup for Jodar. With a forehand just as powerful and the athleticism to cover the net, Jodar cannot rely on his backhand to prevail.

It's also important to note that Fils sustained a hip and back injury in his last loss to Jodar but has put it behind him after consecutive wins in Montreal.

Fils can also sustain rallies, as shown in their previous two matchups. Jodar has a tendency to struggle with ball depth on his heavy shots, especially when pushed beyond the baseline by opponents.

Considering their history, grabbing the No. 24-ranked Frenchman at -105 odds doesn't seem like a bad wager.

In what should be a classic, I'm willing to bet on Fils to get some revenge and advance to the semifinals.

THE PLAY: Fils moneyline (-108, FanDuel)

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026 W-L	2026 ERA	*REC	'26 vs OPP W-L	'26 vs OPP ERA	CAREER vs OPP	LAST 3 STARTS W-L	LAST 3 STARTS IP	LAST 3 STARTS ERA
Mets	Scott (R)	—	3-3	3.15	11-5	0-2	3.60	0-3	0-2	14.2	4.30
Braves	Elder (R)	(7:15pm)	8-6	3. 69	13-9	0-1	13.50	3-1	2-0	18.0	1.50
Astros	Wesneski (R)		2-0	3.86	2-0	0-0	0.00	0-3	**2-0	11.2	3.86
Giants	Tidwell (R)	(9:38pm)	0-0	3.18	0-1	0-0	0.00	0-0	*0-0	5.0	3.60
Royals	Cameron (L)	—	6-8	4.37	6-15	0-0	0.00	0-1	1-1	21.0	3.43
Dodgers	Skubal (L)	(10;10pm)	7-6	2.81	9-8	1-0	1.26	5-9	1-1	20.0	2.70
Red Sox	Gray (R)	—	14-2	2.78	16-5	0-1	6.00	4-5	2-1	18.0	4.50
Blue Jays	Taillon (R)	(7:07pm)	2-6	5.96	7-9	0-0	0.00	3-1	0-1	12.1	10.22
Orioles	Rogers (L)	—	7-7	4.20	11-10	1-0	0.00	1-0	1-0	19.0	3.79
Twins	Kremer (R)	(7:40pm)	1-4	5.93	3-5	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	15.0	9.00
Rangers	Gore (L)	—	6-9	4.55	12-12	0-1	6.55	0-2	0-1	18.0	3.00
Angels	Detmers (L)	(9:38pm)	3-8	4.12	8-15	0-0	4.50	3-3	0-2	14.1	3.77
Rays	Peralta (R)	—	5-9	5.37	11-12	0-1	1.50	1-1	0-1	13.0	11.08
Athletics	Lopez (L)	(9:40pm)	5-4	5.64	6-9	0-0	0.00	1-0	1-0	15.1	1.76
Phillies	Painter (R)	—	1-8	6.48	3-11	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	12.0	6.75
Cardinals	Dobbins (R)	(7:45pm)	2-2	3.60	2-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-2	17.1	2.60
Rockies	Hughes (R)	—	0-3	4.25	0-5	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	15.1	5.28
D'backs	Soroka (R)	(9:40pm)	8-3	3.07	9-6	1-0	2.31	1-2	1-0	15.0	1.20
Brewers	Henderson (R)	—	6-1	2.70	8-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	3-0	16.2	2.16
Padres	Mize (R)	(9:40pm)	4-7	3.40	5-12	1-0	1.50	1-1	0-1	12.2	7.11

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started. *One start in '26. **Two starts in '26

STITCHES

Take a shot: Jameson, Jays

"Stitch, I gotta ask ya. Former NBA star Enes Kanter Freedom has declared that he (she?) will be eligible for the 2027 WNBA draft. Your thoughts?" — *Luis*

Can you say MVP? ... He's got some set of balls, doesn't he? Well, we think so.

"My Blue Jays are killing me!"

— *Scott Halleran*

My right knee has been killing me, Scott. It was fine last year, and so were the Blue Jays. Ex-Cub Jameson Taillon made his Toronto debut in Houston and was pulled after allowing three runs in four innings. Taillon is hoping for better pitching in Canada. The Red Sox's Sonny Gray won for us when he blanked the White Sox last week but has given up eight runs in 12 innings to the Jays this season. Play $50 on the Blue Birds.

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Better chance of Freedom dressing in a WNBA locker room than the Mets making the playoffs. But they pounded the Pirates 11-1. Sean Manaea (11 Ks) was dominant. "W" has us at -556 weisenburgers.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME | AWAY

	TODAY Aug. 10	TUE Aug. 11	WED Aug. 12	THU Aug. 13	FRI Aug. 14
Yankees	NO GAME	Seattle 7:05 YES/TBS 660 AM 101.9 FM	Seattle 7:05 ESPN 660 AM 101.9 FM	Seattle 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Toronto 7:07 Apple TV 660 AM 101.9 FM
Mets	Atlanta 7:15 SNY 880 AM	Atlanta 7:15 SNY 880 AM	Atlanta 7:15 SNY 880 AM	NO GAME	Washington 7:10 PIX11 880 AM
NJ	NO GAME	Indiana 7:30 ESPN	NO GAME	Los Angeles 8:00 Prime Video	NO GAME

Saturday		Friday	
Giants	Preseason: Minnesota 1:00 WNBC 4 101.9 FM	Jets	Preseason: Tampa Bay 7:00 WCBS 2 104.3 FM

Saturday		Thursday		Friday	
Red Bull NY	Atlanta United 7:30 Apple TV	NYCFC	Necaxa 7:30 Apple TV	NY	KC Current 8:00 Prime Video

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
7:15 p.m.	Mets at Braves	SNY, 880 AM
7:30 p.m.	Phillies at Cardinals	FS1
10 p.m.	Royals at Dodgers	MLBN
WNBA BASKETBALL		
8 p.m.	Tempo at Dream	NBCSN, Peacock
10 p.m.	Sky at Storm	USA
TENNIS		
6 p.m.	ATP/WTA Canada: Quarterfinals	Tennis
SOFTBALL		
7 p.m.	AUSL All-Star Cup Series 1, Game 3	ESPNU
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES REGIONALS		
9 a.m.	Richmond, Vt. vs. Bridgewater, Mass.	ESPN
11 a.m.	Nolensville, Tenn. vs. Tallahassee, Fla.	ESPN
1 p.m.	Port Washington, N.Y. vs. Bayonne, N.J.	ESPN
3 p.m.	Gonzales, La. vs. Boerne, Texas	ESPN
5 p.m.	Naamans, Del. vs. Berlin, Md.	ESPN
7 p.m.	Hamilton, Ohio vs. La Grange, Ky.	ESPN
9 p.m.	Teams TBD	ESPN

NBA

League MVP

NAME	ODDS
Victor Wembanyama	+200
Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	+350
Nikola Jokic	+600
Luka Doncic	+600
Giannis Antetokounmpo	10/1
Jayson Tatum	15/1
Anthony Edwards	20/1
Cade Cunningham	25/1
Jalen Brunson	35/1
Tyrese Haliburton	100/1
Kawhi Leonard	100/1
Donovan Mitchell	100/1
Stephen Curry	150/1
Cooper Flagg	200/1
Jaylen Brown	200/1
Tyrese Maxey	200/1
Kevin Durant	200/1
Devin Booker	200/1
Zion Williamson	250/1
LaMelo Ball	250/1
Scottie Barnes	250/1
Jamal Murray	250/1
Jalen Johnson	250/1
Paolo Banchero	250/1

NAME	ODDS
Joel Embiid	300/1
Karl-Anthony Towns	400/1
Austin Reaves	400/1
Anthony Davis	400/1
Deni Avdija	400/1
LeBron James	750/1
James Harden	750/1
Bam Adebayo	750/1
Tyler Herro	750/1
Ja Morant	750/1
Alperen Sengun	750/1
Pascal Siakam	750/1
Amen Thompson	750/1

ODDS & ENDS

SOCCER

Premier League champion

TEAM	ODDS
Arsenal	+145
Manchester City	+280
Liverpool	+500
Manchester United	+700
Chelsea	+750
Tottenham Hotspur	20/1
Aston Villa	33/1
Brighton & Hove Albion	125/1
Newcastle United	125/1
Bournemouth	150/1
Brentford	175/1
Everton	175/1
Crystal Palace	400/1
Leeds United	400/1
Fulham	400/1
Nottingham Forest	400/1
Sunderland	500/1
Hull City	500/1
Coventry City	500/1
Ipswich Town	500/1

Premier League relegation

TEAM	ODDS
Hull City	-475
Coventry City	-175
Ipswich Town	-165
Sunderland	+290
Leeds United	+600
Fulham	+600
Crystal Palace	+650
Manchester City	+900
Nottingham Forest	+900
Brentford	+900
Everton	10/1
Bournemouth	10/1
Newcastle United	12/1
Brighton & Hove Albion	27/1
Tottenham Hotspur	50/1
Aston Villa	70/1
Chelsea	70/1

Premier League avoid relegation

NAME	ODDS
Tottenham Hotspur	-20000
Aston Villa	-20000
Chelsea	-20000
Brighton & Hove Albion	-10000
Newcastle United	-4000
Manchester City	-4000
Bournemouth	-2000
Nottingham Forest	-2000
Brentford	-2000
Everton	-2000
Crystal Palace	-1250
Fulham	-1100
Leeds United	-1100
Sunderland	-450
Ipswich Town	+105
Coventry City	+115
Hull City	+300

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Leeds the way for Premier Christmas miracle

GIFTED & TALENTED: Leeds United, helmed by manager Daniel Farke, enters the 2026-27 campaign with more stability than many of their Premier League peers and are long shots worth playing at 200/1 (bet365) to be top of the table Christmas Day.

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

The shortest offseason in sports is about to come to an end.

The Premier League crowned a champion May 24; then the World Cup took over from June 11 to July 19; and just like that, the new European soccer season is set to get underway with Arsenal taking on Coventry City on Aug. 21.

Though the offseason was short and sweet, we are entering a new era in the Premier League. Pep Guardiola has left Manchester City, Eddie Howe is out at Newcastle United and Xabi Alonso now manages Chelsea. In total, nine of the 20 clubs will have a new head coach for 2026-27.

It's not just the managers who have been on a merry-go-round this summer. A slew of generational players have departed England's top flight, including Mo Salah, Bernardo Silva, John Stones, Marc Cucurella and Anthony Gordon.

With so much change at the top, the door is open for some surprising results. There is one dark horse that is in prime position to take advantage of the mayhem: Leeds United.

Daniel Farke is building something at Elland Road.

The German manager's philosophy is well known at this point. He wants to dominate possession, and he wants to do so by winning the ball back as quickly as possible.

But Farke showed something new last season. With Leeds struggling in the middle of the marathon season, he adjusted his tactics and had his team play a more direct, physical style. He also cooled on his all-action press, allowing his defense to sit deep and try to catch opponents on the counter.

The adjustment worked. Leeds lost just one of their final nine matches and comfortably avoided relegation.

But just saying the Peacocks avoided relegation is a disservice to what they accomplished throughout the 38-game campaign. Although they finished 14th with 47 points and a minus-7 goal difference, Leeds' underlying numbers were pretty encouraging. According to UnderStat, they boasted the ninth-best expected points (56.5) in the league and were powered by a defense that conceded the seventh-fewest expected goals against.

With some better finishing luck and better defense against set pieces, Leeds would have been fighting for a spot in Europe.

While Leeds' statistical profile from last season is heartening, the real reason I'm bullish on them being a surprise package is because they are a picture of stability right now compared to a lot of Premier League teams.

Leeds has not seen that much change this summer. Farke is back for his fourth season, most of the main contributors are still on the roster, and the club's got a clear identity.

It also won't hurt that Leeds won the race to sign standout goalkeeper James Trafford, shoring up a position that's caused them issues in recent seasons.

The Whites are 10/1 at FanDuel Sportsbook to finish in the top six, but there's even more value in another market. Leeds is 200/1 at bet365 to be top of the table Christmas Day, and that's a long shot worth taking. They look well positioned to fly out of the gates while bigger clubs adjust to new managers, new signings and new identities.

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LIV ON EDGE

Drama over future of the tour overshadows drama on course

TREASURE CHEST: Joaquin Niemann shares a celebratory chest bump with his wife, Christina Hellema Puga, after winning the LIV Golf tournament at Trump National Bedminster. Imagn Images; Getty Images

IN CASE anyone noticed, Joaquin Niemann won LIV Golf New York at Trump National Golf Club Bedminster on Sunday in New Jersey.

Niemann's wire-to-wire victory with a finish of 16 under par came a week after Donald Trump, at age 80, won the club championship with a reported gross score of 70 on the same golf course on which 14 of the 56 LIV players failed to shoot a single round of 70 or lower all week.

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Mark Cannizzaro

It was Niemann's ninth victory since joining LIV Golf, which leaves him well behind the president of the United States, who claims to own more than 40 championships — all at clubs he owns, including the "senior" and "super senior" divisions last week.

In case anyone noticed, Jon Rahm wrapped up his third consecutive season-long individual championship — although no thanks to any superior play on his part this week as he finished 8 over par. But it was enough because his nearest challenger, Bryson DeChambeau, failed to make a move, finishing his forgettable week at 7 over.

In case anyone noticed, DeChambeau's Crushers team erased an eight-shot final-round deficit and won the team competition for the week.

Niemann's victory, as well as Rahm's clinching of the top player honors, was lost in the LIV circus that included Trump and his phalanx of Secret Service stationed in every nook and cranny of the vast property.

Adding to Trump's presence was a surprise visit by Yasir Al-Rumayyan, governor of Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) that has pulled its funding of LIV Golf effective after the 2026 season.

Trump, Al-Rumayyan and legendary golfer Gary Player congregated before the final round Sunday morning in one of the large country club ballrooms, where there were a number of LIV players present.

All of these histrionics took place four days after Scott O'Neil, the CEO of LIV, held a news conference Wednesday to announce that LIV has an agreement with a new (yet-to-be-identified) lead investor with a new, more fiscally responsible organizational structure that will make the LIV players majority equity holders, beginning after the 2026 season.

Speaking of the 2026 season, this event was the third to last on the LIV schedule this year, but really the second to last, because the season-ending team championship, slated for Aug. 27-30 in Michigan, looks like it's not going to take place (though LIV officials still have not commented on that to confirm or deny).

Welcome to the tumultuous world of LIV Golf, where the actual golf is mere background music (along with the ambient tunes playing through the speakers all over the course during play) amid all of the off-course drama.

The longest line anywhere on the property Sunday was one that snaked around the clubhouse to get into the club's pro shop, which had racks of powder-blue golf shirts with the golf club logos on them, reading "45 and 47" for Trump's two terms in office. The oppressive 95-degree temperatures did not deter the masses from waiting in line to shell out $130 for one of those.

LIV Golf is a fun product for the fans in attendance. Those who pay premium bucks to hang out in the lavish corporate tents are more occupied with the fancy open-bar cocktails and high-end shellfish and sushi than they are with what's taking place on the golf course.

Those not fortunate enough to bask in the air-conditioned chalets that have cool-air spritzes on timers to keep the well-heeled comfy, mill about the grounds taking advantage of food trucks and a children's area with mini turf putting greens and a balloon-twisting station.

Of course, there is a good share of golf fanatics who come to the tournament to get up-close looks at some of the game's stars, like Rahm and DeChambeau, with ample viewing along the ropes with modest crowds.

But the sobering LIV Golf reality is this: The golf is just a backdrop to the rest of the activity taking place — particularly with the tour's murky future hanging in the balance.

That unfortunately shortchanges the likes of Niemann, Rahm and the Crushers for their respective accomplishments on the course.

Not in their bank accounts, though.

Niemann walks away with $4 million for his victory Sunday. Rahm gets $6 million for sewing up top player honors, and each player from DeChambeau's Crushers team gets $1 million for the team victory.

Those players left Trump Bedminster fat and happy, having added to their already healthy financial profile.

Everyone, though, left Trump Bedminster with a lot of unanswered questions about where LIV Golf goes from here — other than to Indianapolis in two weeks for what appears to be the final event of the 2026 season.

Sadly, whether there will be a 2027 season at all — and if so, what it'll look like — is the true drama that surrounds LIV Golf.

Much more than any drama surrounding Niemann's impressive victory Sunday.

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Bryson: New investor to make tweaks 'in the right ways'

By MARK CANNIZZARO

Bryson DeChambeau, after his Crushers team won the LIV Golf New York event Sunday at Trump National Golf Club Bedminster, spoke about the mystery investor that's supposed to begin funding the fledgling tour with the Saudis no longer doing so.

Four days after CEO Scott O'Neil announced that the tour has a new investor, DeChambeau spoke about the relationship between the league's reported new investor, BC Partners, and his management company, GSE.

"Look, I love GSE," he said. "They've been with me my entire career. I think they've been fantastic in what they've done for me, so all positive things to say about GSE."

DeChambeau said he does not know "the mechanics of the conversations between the LIV investor and GSE, adding, "What I can tell you is that the investor, from the conversations I've had, has a new and fresh vision on this product. It won't be changing too much, but it'll be changing in the right ways.

"He sees the vision. He wants to pursue it even more than what we've previously done, and he's excited, from what I can tell. I think, again, if we're able to get the players all aligned, which I feel like it'll happen in some capacity, I think it'll happen, this is going to be a product that will be a force for good in the game, in the ecosystem.

"I think there's a lot of potential that could be unlocked for the global game of golf, and we can support that. But I think the thing we've all talked about is how can we be a good force in the ecosystem. How can we work together to make the game of golf better. So I think that's what the lead investor ... I'm not going to speak for him, but from the conversations I've had, we all see that vision alongside Scott."

DeChambeau said he and the rest of the players were surprised that Yasir al-Rumayyan, the governor of the Saudi Public Investment Fund (PIF) that has financed LIV, turned up at Sunday's final round at Bedminster.

"We all found out [Saturday] night that he was going to be out here," he said. "I think he needed to have some conversations with the president [Donald Trump]. That was a whole other thing. I'm not going to get involved with that."

➤ After weeks of reports that the LIV team championship event in Michigan, Aug. 27-30, was not going to take place, despite LIV not confirming, LIV Golf's TV host, Craig Doyle, said on the air Sunday it was not happening.

"That is going to be, at this stage, I think we can call it, is going to be the final event in LIV Golf 2026," Doyle said, referring to the Indianapolis LIV tournament set for Aug. 20-23.

The team championship was set to have a prize pool of $40 million. LIV earlier this year canceled its tournament in New Orleans.

BILLY AMICK
Has 13 RBIs since acquisition.

Amazin' prospect blasts 5th HR since deadline

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

Billy Amick has already made a name for himself.

The Mets prospect has continued his tear in Double-A since joining the Mets organization, hitting his fifth home run in seven games in the Rumble Ponies' 4-3 win over the Hartford Yard Goats on Sunday.

The infielder joined the Mets organization on July 31 when he was acquired as part of the deal that sent pitcher A.J. Minter to the Twins. His three-run blast Sunday came in the sixth inning and broke a 1-1 tie that put the Rumble Ponies up 4-1. He also has 13 RBIs for the Rumble Ponies.

The home run hit by the man they call "Billy Barrels" went far over the wall in left field, and he now has 28 home runs at the Double-A level this season.

"It was a fun week for sure. Everybody was getting on base and we were all having good at-bats," Amick said while being interviewed on the field after the game. "Everything kind of came together. Ended up with six wins, so that's all you can ask for."

Amick was given not one but two postgame Gatorade showers in celebration of his home run.

The 23-year-old was been taken by the Twins in the second round of the 2024 MLB Draft after he played for both Clemson and Tennessee in college. He was limited to just 59 games in 2025 due to injuries.

The Rumble Ponies have won seven games in a row and will be off Monday before they start a six-game series with Portland.

'O' NO! Heliot Ramos reacts after he struck out swinging, stranding two runners, for the final out of the sixth inning. Aaron Judge (right), out since fracturing a rib at the end of May, could only watch from the dugout as the Yankees offense mustered four hits in their 2-1 extra-innings loss to the Braves.

Hitting coach: Struggles will pay off in end

By DAN MARTIN

Even before the Yankees were shut down again by Atlanta in a 2-1, 10-inning loss Sunday, they entered with some alarming numbers since Aaron Judge was sidelined by a fractured rib at the end of May.

During the stretch, they've scored the fourth-fewest runs, had the lowest batting average and on-base percentage and highest strikeout rate in the majors.

Prior to Sunday's game, hitting coach James Rowson acknowledged the lineup's struggles in a conversation with The Post, but insisted the picture wasn't as bleak as the numbers might indicate.

"I do think when you look at where we're trying to go, we're at the time of year where our mindset is on trying to get wins," Rowson said. "The end goal is not that we get the most hits. The end goal is that we score the most runs in the game. Whether we do that 3-2 or 9-3, I feel if we stay focused on winning games and not have tough days offensively as a distraction, we'll be better for it."

The lineup isn't just missing Judge, but Cody Bellinger is also out with a hamstring injury and Giancarlo Stanton is sidelined with a strained calf.

Bellinger seems to be the closest to a return, with the Yankees declining to put potential timelines on when Judge or Stanton might come back.

"It's not easy," Rowson said. "You can't replace those guys. You try to have good at-bats and keep going. They have almost 1,000 career homers. [The number is actually 1,077.] I know our offensive numbers haven't been great over the last couple months, but there's no quit in this group. They're fighting."

They've been losing the fight as of late, having scored three or fewer runs in eight of their past 10 games.

"If you try to do too much, it can put you in a backwards spiral, and at different times, you can feel that, but lately, I feel like we've taken a step forward," Rowson said.

Despite the continued woes of the lineup, the Yankees are surviving — mostly because of stellar work from the other half of the team.

"Our pitching staff has done a phenomenal job of keeping us in games," Rowson said. "Offensively, we want to do more, but we want to grow. I do feel guys growing now will help us in the end."

If that sounds counterintuitive, Rowson insisted it's not.

"I'm not worried about us offensively at all," Rowson said. "Our guys are so good at learning from everything we go through. As we get healthier, I think there are some lessons learned in this stretch that will help long term."

Rowson is confident they'll be more accustomed to scratching out runs down the stretch — and possibly beyond — because of what's going on during this ugly span.

"They're going to be comfortable after battling through some of these games," Rowson said. "Having Judge gives you the luxury of bludgeoning teams. It can cover up little things we didn't get right. We have to focus on little things in close games: having consistent quality at-bats and hopefully it turns into the group we want down the stretch."

He said the players are "battling."

"Every game is not gonna be a blowout in the playoffs," Rowson said. "We have to win these types of games and playing close games and battling now is gonna give us some calluses for knowing how to play them later on. They're not fun when you go through them, but maybe it's building something special."

Jason Szenes (2)

A LEGEND LOST

Coaching great Nelson remembered as 'one of greatest minds' in the game

By ANDREW CRANE

Don Nelson, the Hall of Famer who won five championships as a player before a decades-long coaching career that included a brief stint with the Knicks, died Sunday, his family said in a statement.

He was 86. A cause of death wasn't revealed.

"On Sunday morning our beloved husband, dad, grandfather and great-grandfather Don Nelson peacefully went to be with the Lord, surrounded by his loving family," Nelson's family said in a statement, according to NBA reporter Marc Stein. "Throughout his last week, friends and family encircled him with love, sharing the blessing of his friendship and revisiting treasured memories."

Before his second career as a coach, where he notably helped jump-start the careers of Dirk Nowitzki and Stephen Curry, the 6-foot-6 Nelson starred for the Celtics. He won five titles in Boston while averaging 10.3 points and 4.9 rebounds across a 14-year playing career that also included stints with the Chicago Zephyrs — who drafted him in the third round of the 1962 draft out of Iowa — and the Lakers.

Nelson — whose coaching career began as an assistant with the Bucks in 1976 and stretched until his final season as head coach of the Warriors in 2009-10 — won 1,335 games as a head coach, the second most in NBA history behind former Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. He earned the league's Coach of the Year honor three times. He invented "Nellie Ball," which embraced a smaller lineup based on speed, and made it acceptable to use a point-forward. "Most of all I wanted to have all my best players on the court at the same time — regardless of position," Nelson wrote in an article in The Players' Tribune in 2016.

That vision all started to take shape after landing his first chance as head coach during that first season in Milwaukee, when Larry Costello resigned in November 1976 after a 3-15 start.

"I expected to be an assistant at least two years, maybe longer, before trying for a head coaching job," Nelson, just 36 years old at the time, said, according to The New York Times. "I don't have the most experience in the world."

But Nelson never again was an assistant. He served as the Bucks head coach until 1988, winning Coach of the Year in both '83 and '85 — and guiding Milwaukee to at least 50 wins across seven consecutive seasons. Then, after a season away from the sport, Nelson took over the Warriors ahead of the 1988-89 campaign, staying in the Bay Area until his resignation in February 1995 with a 14-31 record. He received his third and final Coach of the Year Award in 1992.

Don Nelson: 1940-2026

Playing career

- Drafted in third round by Chicago Zephyrs in 1962
- After unremarkable stints with Zephyrs and Lakers, played 11 seasons with Celtics
- Won five rings with Boston, averaging more than 11.4 points per game

Coaching career

- Second-winningest coach of all time with 1,335 wins
- Coached at least eight seasons with Bucks, Warriors and Mavericks
- Lasted just 59 games in lone season coaching Knicks
- Three-time NBA Coach of the Year

The Knicks hired him as their successor to Pat Riley for the 1995-96 season, but Nelson was fired after just 59 games. He latched on with the Mavericks in 1997-98, though, and slowly began to build the franchise into a contender. Dallas picked Nowitzki at No. 9 overall in the 1998 draft, and by the end of the 2000-01 campaign, the Mavericks were back in the playoffs.

After stepping down in Dallas in 2005, Nelson's final stint as a coach doubled as a reunion when he took over for the 2006-07 season a Warriors team that hadn't reached the postseason since he left. Golden State, as the No. 8 seed, upset the Mavericks in the first round of Nelson's first season. While they didn't make the playoffs again before his exit in September 2010, he coached a rookie Curry — with the future MVP acknowledging in a statement Sunday that "one of the big reasons I was drafted by the Warriors" was because of Nelson.

"The story is he never liked rookies," Curry said in a statement, "but from Day 1 he challenged me and gave me an opportunity to be my best self on the court. ... He had an immeasurable impact on the sport and will go down as one of the greatest minds in the history of the game. He's a true icon and will be missed by the countless number of people he touched, including myself, during a legendary career."

The Warriors, in a statement, described Nelson — who was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2012 — as "a true basketball visionary who saw the game differently and was never afraid to challenge conventional thinking." Chris Mullin, part of Nelson's "Run TMC" Golden State teams with Tim Hardaway and Mitch Richmond, said he "was more than a coach to me." Richmond said, in part, that Nelson "made the game fun."

Nowitzki credited Nelson with seeing "things in my game before I ever realized I could do them."

"Nellie was ahead of his time," Hardaway said in a statement, "and there was nobody else like him."

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In a lifetime of basketball genius, Nellie's biggest

THIS was a few years ago, and Don Nelson was on the telephone, calling from Hawaii, where he was deep into one of the happiest retirements anyone has ever had. The voice was relaxed. It might well have been given a little extra mellow by the various pastimes he had merrily engaged in once he called it quits for good, or maybe it was just the tone of a man who could look back on a full life with barely a handful of regrets.

Ironically, he was talking about one of them.

"It does bother me that it didn't work out when I coached the Knicks," Nelson said that day of his brief tenure as Pat Riley's successor. "Coaching that team is one of the platinum jobs in sports, and they entrusted me with a team that had come so close. I had ideas on how to get them closer. The players had other ideas."

He laughed.

"Maybe," he said, "I just wasn't the right guy to coach that team. I'm telling you square: I thought that team could win a championship. I'd won a few in my day as a player. I thought that was a team I could coach to a title."

He did allow himself a sigh then.

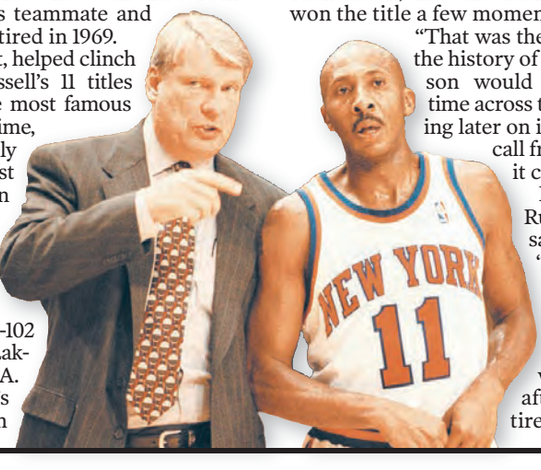
"I was wrong," he said.

The Knicks were the aberration in a full basketball life that was stilled Sunday at age 86.

Nelson was an undersized center at Iowa who still managed to score 1,522 points in three years as a Hawkeye, the most in school history at the time he graduated in 1962. He was underused with the Chicago Zephyrs, who made him a third-round pick, and underappreciated by the Lakers, for whom he toiled two years in L.A. before they released him.

The Celtics picked him up for $1,000, hoped he would be able to play a little defense and add some depth, and instead across 11 years and 872 games in Boston he averaged 11.4 points, shot 48.4 percent from the floor (and led the league in field goal percentage at age 34 in 1975). He won five championships as a Celtic, and along with John Havlicek and Don Chaney was one of the only players who won titles both as Bill Russell's teammate and after Russell retired in 1969.

Nelson, in fact, helped clinch the last of Russell's 11 titles with one of the most famous baskets of all time, and certainly among the most remembered in Celtics history. At the end of Game 7 of the '69 Finals, with the Celtics clinging to a 103-102 lead over the Lakers late at the L.A. Forum, L.A.'s Keith Erickson knocked the ball out of Havlicek's hands.



It wound up in Nelson's, 15 feet away. He got it away at the shot-clock buzzer. It bounded hard off the back of the rim and rebounded high in the air. And it fell right back down, into the basket. The Celtics won the title a few moments later.

"That was the luckiest shot in the history of basketball," Nelson would say, time after time across the years, including later on in that telephone call from Hawaii. "But it counted."

It sure did for Russell, who once said of Nelson: "He epitomizes what it means to be a Celtic."

It sure did for the Celtics, who not long after Nelson retired in 1976 — a

WHAT A CAREER: Don Nelson retired as the winningest coach in NBA history — and still sits second — after winning five rings as a player with the Celtics. His only struggles as a coach came with Derek Harper and the Knicks (below).

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regret centers on Knicks

few weeks after playing four minutes in clinching Game 6 of the '76 Finals, against Phoenix — reserved a spot in the rafters for his number, an unlikely honor that always left Nelson in hysterics.

"I'll be the biggest trivia question at [Boston] Garden in about four years," he told the Boston Globe then. "They'll all look up and say: Hey, who was No. 19?"

He was no joke as a coach, either, amassing 1,335 wins, which was the most ever on the day he retired from Golden State in 2010 and is still second behind Gregg Popovich's 1,390. He had an awful lot of terrific Bucks teams that always wound up running into the great Celtics and Sixers teams of the '80s.

And after he left the Knicks, while running the show in Dallas, he made the prescient decision on draft day 1998 to make a trade with his old team in Milwaukee that netted Dirk Nowitzki, who would later be the centerpiece of a Mavericks champion long after Nelson departed, but who paid tribute to him Sunday on social media:

"Nellie... You didn't just draft me. You believed in me. You saw things in my game before I ever realized I could do them. I've said it a million times and I will always say it: I don't think my career could have turned out how it did without you being my first coach and giving me the freedom to play my game. I can only say THANK YOU. For everything."

Nelson had long espoused "point forwards" as part of his distinct "Nellie Ball" style, and so it was that he marginalized Patrick Ewing during his 59-game stint as Knicks coach, running his offense through Anthony Mason and making it plain he preferred Hubert Davis' game to that of John Starks, one of Ewing's closest wingmen. It ended badly here.

But it was a blip. An aberration. Few have ever understood the matrix of winning basketball games better than Nelson. On the telephone, that much was obvious.

"Believe me when I say this," he said in 2015. "I am at peace."

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Libs roll by 40 as Aces fold

By MADELINE KENNEY

Most players would be ecstatic — maybe even a little relieved — to learn an opponent's three best players were ruled out just hours before the game, but Jonquel Jones felt a hint of disappointment Sunday.

With the Aces playing their second game in less than 24 hours, Las Vegas gave its star trio of A'ja Wilson, Chelsea Gray and Jackie Young a rest day.

"We were really looking forward to the matchup," Jones said Sunday. "We also felt like this was going to be a really good game to kind of gauge ourselves against with all the momentum ... that we have had. ... As competitors, we really wanted to match up against them."

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Sunday could've been a trap game for New York. It also could have been a potential preview of a first-round playoff series (you know, had the star players actually been active).

Regardless, the Liberty handled business accordingly this time around, throttling the short-handed Aces 111-71.

With the Liberty up by 23 points at the end of the third, their own big three — Breanna Stewart, Sabrina Ionescu and Jones — got a rare quarter off as they watched the fourth cheering and smiling from the sidelines while Marine Johannes torched the Aces to finish with a career- and game-high 27 points.

"If every game can be like this, it would be incredible," Stewart said after playing a season-low 23 minutes. "But I think it was good to see everybody get going, get confident, especially that group in the fourth. Scoring 37 points is nuts in the fourth quarter and we need that to kind of carry over for our quick turnaround for Tuesday."

The Liberty's 40-point bashing was their third-largest victory in franchise history and the team's most lopsided win ever against the Aces.

New York has now won seven of its past eight games.

But the dominant fashion in which the Liberty led all of Sunday was a breath of fresh air for a team that has faced its fair share of adversity this season.

"We haven't had that in a while — it's nice," Ionescu said. "It wasn't just one that we wanted to win easily, it was, let's find a way to get better and we did tonight."

THAT WAS EASY: Marine Johannes (right) celebrates with Sabrina Ionescu on her way to a career-high 27 points as the Libs cruised past the Aces, who rested their three biggest stars.

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The Liberty didn't ease into Sunday. They built their lead up to 11 by the 5:20 mark of the first quarter.

The Aces tried to claw back and keep pace, but they never got within single digits the entire second half.

New York's bench, led by Johannes, scored a combined 58 points, the third-highest bench output in franchise history. It's also the most the Liberty's reserves have contributed since 2016.

"It doesn't matter who's playing on the other side, we understand we needed to win," Ionescu said. "It doesn't matter, we wanted to go out. We wanted to execute, we wanted to play our brand of basketball, knowing every game is important and this game isn't going to have an asterisk by it because those players didn't play. It's going to show up as a win or a loss."

With 11 games left in the regular season — and a lengthy World Cup break on the horizon — Stewart said, "We're not talking about the playoffs."

But the congested standings are making things interesting.

The Liberty (20-13) jumped to sixth in the league standings after entering the day in eighth. Meanwhile, the Aces (22-11) remain in third place.

New York is only two games behind the Aces and one game separates fourth from eighth in the standings.

"It's a mess," Stewart said. "But we're going to continue to control what we can control and really happy with the way from start to finish that we kind of handled this game and now that we have a big week ahead."

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By ZACH BRAZILLER

TURN' AROUND: Dane Belton, a Jets newcomer after four seasons with the Giants, created as many turnovers (four) as the entire Jets defense did in 2025. Bill Kostroun

Key DB role on table for Jets' Belton

For years, Dane Belton waited his turn while producing in a complementary role.

He frequently impressed during training camp and made plays when given an opportunity. But his time as a full-time starter with the Giants never came.

Belton didn't have to leave North Jersey after becoming a free agent. The Jets came calling and are giving the former Iowa standout a chance to make his mark in his fifth pro season.

"Looking at this team and the talent they have top to bottom, the leadership [they have], the leader we have in [head coach Aaron Glenn] down to the position coaches, it's a room and a building you want to be in," Belton said. "Looking at that, I thought it was a great opportunity here. I feel we have a really good team, and I'm really looking forward to this season.

"In that free agency process, I really wanted to find a place where I could cement my role and impact the team in a big way."

A 2022 fourth-round pick, Belton is battling Andre Cisco and Malachi Moore to start at safety alongside veteran Minkah Fitzpatrick. That position in the Jets defensive backfield was a considerable weakness a year ago.

Enter 6-foot-1, 205-pound Belton, who is coming off his best NFL season. He set career highs in tackles (120) and forced fumbles (three) for the Giants. He also had five passes defensed while making nine starts. He created as many turnovers (four) as the entire Jets defense did in 2025.

The 25-year-old has showcased that skill in camp, frequently finding the ball. During Saturday's intrasquad scrimmage, Belton picked off backup quarterback Cade Klubnik.

"I think if you look over his career, the one thing that stands out about that player is his ball production. He's made a number of plays on the ball," Glenn said. "I know he's been in a backup role for most of his career, but man, he's fighting now. He's fighting to see if he can get one of these jobs.

"When you have a guy that has ball production, that competes the way he competes and also has the special teams value, man, it's hard not to take a hard look at that player and see how he fits into what you're trying to do. He's been doing a really good job for us, I'm excited about where he's at."

Belton's tackling is a particular strength. He had the lowest missed-tackle percentage (4.1) among safeties to record at least 400 snaps in 2025, according to Pro Football Focus. Missed tackles were a problem for the Jets secondary. Moore missed 11 tackles, while Cisco and Tony Adams whiffed on nine apiece. No Jets safety had a missed-tackle rate under 10 percent.

"Being able to make plays in any role I'm in, help the team win, is really the biggest objective," he said. "I feel like for me, that's one of my biggest skill sets is that no matter where I'm at, I can make plays to help the team. That's what I'm going to do."

Belton has no ill will toward the Giants. He's grateful for the chance they gave him.

He's ready to take the next step in his career, and the Jets seem to have big plans for him. Glenn is intent on using him at safety, as well as dime and nickel packages.

"I'm really looking forward to this opportunity," Belton said.

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G-Men gut out grueling camp gauntlet on road, and they're better for it

THE best thing to happen to the Giants during their 12 days in West Virginia is what did not happen.

They arrived, they worked — and they left unscathed.

Sure, there were some bumps and bruises along the way. Those were to be expected, considering the grueling schedule head coach John Harbaugh set in motion for his first training camp with the Giants: four days on, one day off, six days on; full pads the final six days (only one less strenuous walkthrough); and sessions that regularly were two or more hours in duration.

The physical demands were real. This is the way Harbaugh gets his team prepared for the rigors that come next. This can toughen a team, and it can also weaken a team if the extreme workload leads to serious injuries. The Giants avoided that during their time in White Sulphur Springs. Consider that a major accomplishment, especially compared with the significant player losses around the league this summer. Heck, an NFC East division rival lost one of its best players, as left tackle Laremy Tunsil went down Saturday with a torn triceps so the Commanders will be without him for a significant portion of the season.

Of the top 25 to 30 players — the Giants starters on offense and defense and the key reserves and sometimes starters — all came through on their feet. Starting center John Michael Schmitz "got his bell rung" — Harbaugh's words — during Friday's practice, and a stay in concussion protocol might be appropriate. That is the extent of the damage to the key players who will be critical to the Giants' success or failure this season.

Not only did the Giants remain relatively healthy, they also left the Allegheny Mountains feeling relieved and encouraged by what they saw from wide receiver Malik Nabers. Coming off surgery to repair a torn right ACL and meniscus, Nabers made significant progress during camp, participating in position drills and working with the offense during team periods on air — no defense on the field — and he held up just fine.

Nabers likely is ready to push forward, and it will not at all be a surprise if he takes part in 7-on-7 drills and maybe a team period or two once practice resumes this week. After a day off Sunday, the Giants are back at it Monday when they return to their own facility in East Rutherford.

Nabers said his mindset coming into camp was "just stacking days," and he did that in fine fashion without any setbacks as he ramped up his physical activity, little by little. He looked better at the end of camp — as far as his movement and cutting and change of direction — than he did on Day 1. He more than met his goal to "continue to see improvements on my body, continue to see improvements on my knee and where I'm at."

Nabers said passing these tests "gives me more confidence to go out there and be able to play." His possible return to the form he showed as a rookie in 2024 was the most encouraging single development during the team's stay at The Greenbrier resort.

Fellow receiver Odell Beckham Jr. also

KNOCK LIFE

got through camp with no setbacks and enhanced his chances to make the team by running more fluidly and decisively as the days went by. The key for the 33-year-old always was going to be his ability to endure through the acclimation in the spring and the grind in the summer.

So far, so good for Beckham. For now, there is a greater chance that Nabers and Beckham — two former LSU star receivers, 10 years apart — actually could be teammates when this all kicks off the second week of September.

"Just a great role model, a great leader that we put in the room," Nabers said of Beckham. "He's had a few injuries in the past. He had the same injury as me. So, just talking through with him on just how he handled that and what was his rehab process and the things that he did to help himself come back. Just keeping him in the corner, he's always feeding me good energy."

It was a highly productive stay in West Virginia, as the Giants left home for training camp for the first time since 2012, with ongoing construction at their team facility forcing them to hit the road. Quarterback Jaxson Dart called this summer camp site "like a football paradise" and it was easy to see why The Greenbrier is a destination spot for NFL teams.

"I would give it an A, A-plus," Harbaugh said Saturday as his team packed up and left. "It's been really everything. We've been able to focus on the task at hand. There's really no distractions out here. It's a beautiful setting. It's a beautiful resort. Everything has been excellent. And the guys have been able to lock in on the football.

"It's not lavish by any stretch in terms of the facility, but it's everything we could want. Maybe that's even better. We don't want it to be too nice."

For the Giants, it was just right. On to the next phase of the offseason.

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THEY MADE IT! Veteran wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. made it through the rigors of the camp set up at The Greenbrier resort in West Virginia by new Giants head coach John Harbaugh (inset), and the team left the experience no worse for wear. Corey Sipkin (2)

TEDDY BRIDGEWATER

Veteran QB 'likely' to retire

By JUSTIN TASCH

Teddy Bridgewater is leaving the Lions again, and this time he might be retiring from the NFL for good.

The 33-year-old quarterback, who reunited with the Lions as a free agent in March after spending last season with the Buccaneers, is stepping away from the team, head coach Dan Campbell revealed Sunday. Retirement is "likely," according to NFL Network.

"I've known Teddy a long time, and man, the human being is unbelievable," Campbell told reporters. "Certainly the player, everything that he's about, the type of teammate that he is, the way he prepares, always played the game up here" he said, pointing to his head "and had a huge heart. He's gonna be missed."

The Lions later struck a one-year deal with Josh Dobbs to be their new backup to Jared Goff, allowing undrafted rookie free agent Luke Altmyer to remain third on the depth chart. Dobbs is getting $1.425 million with $475,000 guaranteed, according to NFL Network.

Bridgewater first joined the Lions in 2023 and retired at the end of that season, becoming a high school coach in Miami. He would re-sign with Detroit in 2024 the day after Christmas and made a brief appearance during a playoff game.

A 2014 first-round pick by the Vikings, Bridgewater was a Pro Bowler in his second season but suffered a brutal leg injury during camp in 2016 and became a journeyman, which included a brief preseason run with the Jets in 2018 before he was traded to the Saints.

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HEAVE HO!

Manaea flashes $75M form as Mets throw Pirates overboard for second straight series win

By MIKE PUMA

PITTSBURGH — Sean Manaea's dominance Sunday elicited reminders of why the Mets gave him a $75 million contract in the first place.

Fastballs that registered 95 mph, swings and misses, barely any solid contact for the Pirates. All of it turned into Manaea's best performance of the season to lead the Mets' 11-1 victory at PNC Park. The win was their fifth in six games and gave them two series victories to begin this three-city road trip.

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Offensively, the Mets had no shortage of contributors. Bo Bichette had the biggest day, with a 5-for-5 performance with three RBIs. Luis Robert Jr. and Francisco Alvarez each homered.

Manaea began this season in the bullpen after a lackluster spring, but lately has resembled a solid middle-of-the-rotation option. On Sunday he was very ace-like in striking out 11 batters over seven innings in which he allowed one earned run on three hits.

"I am just really proud of the number of strikes I threw, getting ahead of guys," Manaea said. "The offense did an amazing job getting out early and scoring runs. It was just my job to keep them at bay and I felt like I did a really good job."

Manaea's start was his fourth straight of at least six innings with two earned runs or fewer allowed. The lefthander has pitched to a 3.39 ERA since May 10. Overall, he owns a 4.13 ERA this season.

Most notably Manaea averaged 92.9 mph with his four-seam fastball, a full 2 mph above his season average. He peaked at 95 mph.

"Anytime you are seeing the best version of a player it's fun to watch and to know how much work he put in to get where he is right now is even more fun," interim manager Andy Green said. "He is a great teammate. He works incredibly hard."

A strong finish by Manaea might provide the Mets with a measure of confidence. Manaea is signed through next season.

"I take pride in taking the ball and trying to go deep into games and giving the team a chance to win," Manaea said. "And I feel I have been at least able to do that the last few starts. We have got an incredible team here, so I am just trying to help the boys."

Former Mets prospect Jake Mangum homered against Manaea in the third inning for the only Pirates run. Manaea did not walk a batter, helping him to complete seven innings at 91 pitches.

Carson Benge — back in the lineup after missing the previous game with a bone bruise in his left wrist — delivered an RBI single in the first and Robert's ensuing sacrifice fly gave the Mets a 2-0 lead.

The Mets began the game by loading the bases with nobody out.

Robert smashed a two-run homer in the third before Marcus Semien followed Jared Young's triple with an RBI single to extend the Mets lead to 5-0. Robert's homer was his fifth this season.

The Mets broke it open by sending nine batters to the plate and scoring four runs in the fourth. After the Mets loaded the bases without a hit to begin the inning, Bichette delivered a bases-clearing double. Young's RBI single sank the Pirates into a 9-1 hole.

Francisco Alvarez homered leading off the fifth. Alvarez's homer was his 13th this season and first since July 24. Robert stroked an RBI single in the seventh that gave him a fourth RBI in the game, extending the Mets lead to 11-1.

Manaea was asked what the last two series have shown about the Mets, who are 15 games below .500 as they prepare to open a series at NL East-leading Atlanta.

"We're pretty gritty and we're good," Manaea said. "We have just got to believe that."

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SHIVER ME TIMBERS! Sean Manaea (right) allowed one run and struck out 11 over seven strong innings in the Mets' 11-1 win over the Pirates. Francisco Alvarez celebrates with A.J. Ewing after hitting a solo homer in the fifth inning. Luis Robert Jr. (below) hit a 408-foot two-run blast in the third. Getty Images (2); Imagn Images

Bichette's 5-hit effort leads Amazin' lineup

By MIKE PUMA

PITTSBURGH — Bo Bichette drew a fifth inning walk for his only plate appearance Sunday without a hit.

"We'll give him one more," interim manager Andy Green joked after the 11-1 victory over the Pirates at PNC Park. "He had five and I think he shouldn't have walked and set his career high and gotten six hits."

Bichette's 5-for-5 performance with three RBIs led a lineup that has produced at a high level on this road trip, helping the Mets win five of six games.

Bichette, who owns a mediocre .685 OPS — certainly not what the Mets envisioned when signing him to a three-year contract worth $126 million — has waited much of the season for a day like Sunday.

"It's definitely not up to my standards, for sure," Bichette said of his season. "I had two really bad months that I can't take back, so right now I am just focused on being the best version of myself, finishing strong."

Bichette's first-inning single loaded the bases with nobody out, helping the Mets establish an early 2-0 lead. He singled again in the third and was on base when Luis Robert Jr. blasted a two-run homer. In the fourth, Bichette delivered a bases-loaded double that accounted for his three RBIs. Following his walk in the fifth, he concluded his day with a double and a single.

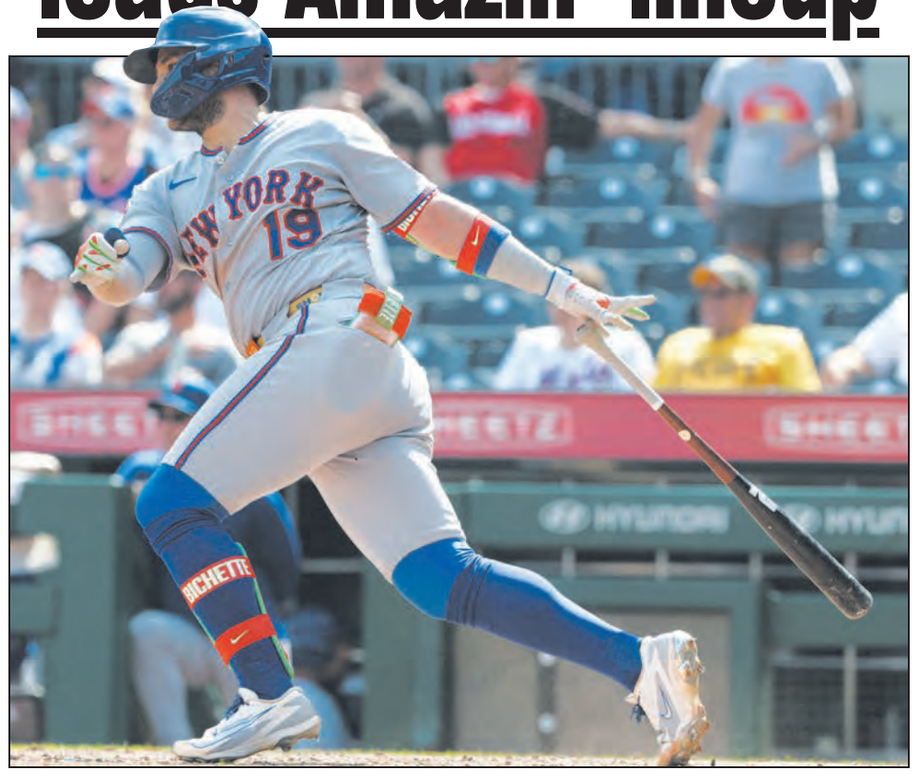
The Mets received a homer from Francisco Alvarez and three hits from Jared Young in winning a second straight series. Bichette had a key hit in Cleveland on Wednesday, when he stroked a go-ahead single in the 10th inning that stood as the margin of victory.

Bichette was asked about the team's collective mindset following the Mets becoming sellers before last Monday's trade deadline.

"I think the trade deadline was kind of a turn-the-page moment," Bichette said. "It's in everybody's best interest to come out here and try to get better every day, try to win, become a better team, become better individuals. That is our focus."

Bichette has prided himself on his ability to make contact throughout his career, and Sunday's performance underscored that aspect of his game.

"It's always been part of my game, but I think you get in trouble when you chase them," Bichette said. "But it's something I look at for sure."



THAR HE BO'S! Bo Bichette reached base six times, going 5-for-5 with a walk and three RBIs, in the Mets' 11-1 victory over the Pirates. Imagn Images

ON DECK

at Braves

Monday, 7:15 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)

RHP Christian Scott

2026 stats: 3-3, 3.15 ERA

Career vs. ATL: 0-3, 3.94 ERA

Last start: Wed., at CLE; 5 IP, 3 ER, 7 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

49%	23%	17%
4-Seamer	Sweeper	Cutter

RHP Bryce Elder

2026 stats: 8-6, 3.69 ERA

Career vs. NYM: 3-1, 5.00 ERA

Last start: Wed., vs. MIA; 7 IP, 1 ER, 3 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

28%	25%	22%
Sinker	Slider	4-Seamer

UP NEXT

TUESDAY: at Braves, 7:15 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Nolan McLean vs. LHP Martín Pérez

WEDNESDAY: at Braves, 7:15 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
LHP Zac Thornton vs. RHP Tyler Mahle

INJURY REPORT

■ **Mark Vientos** has begun hitting from a tee while rehabbing his right-hand fracture. Vientos has been on the injured list since July 10.

Green says skipping Stock's turn in rotation unlikely

By MIKE PUMA

PITTSBURGH — Robert Stock's rough most recent performance likely won't prevent him from remaining in the Mets rotation.

Interim manager Andy Green indicated Sunday that he was leaning toward sticking with Stock, who allowed eight earned runs over three innings against the Pirates the previous night. The right-hander was pitching for the Mets for the second time since undergoing surgery for thoracic outlet syndrome during spring training.

"I think more than likely we're anticipating him making his next start," Green said before the Mets beat the Pirates 11-1 at PNC Park. "We're still kind of being a little bit patient before fully committing to it."

The Mets have Christian Scott, Nolan McLean and Zac Thornton aligned to face the Braves over the next three days. Thursday is a scheduled off-day, giving Green the option of skipping Stock's rotation spot Friday. But Green said he would like to keep deploying five starters.

"I don't think [skipping] is our best choice given the load a lot of the young guys have carried into their first full season in the big leagues," Green said. "As much as we would like to get those guys back on the mound quickly, the extra day is good for them."

Stock, 36, allowed one earned run over five innings against the Marlins in his first start for the Mets.

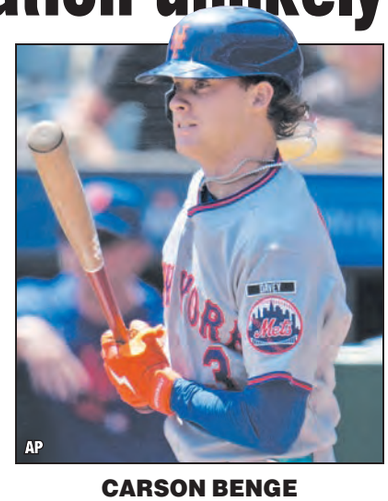
METS NOTES

➤ **Carson Benge** returned to the lineup after missing Saturday's game with a bone bruise in his left wrist. Benge finished 2-for-5 with an RBI, reaching base three times.

➤ **Jack Weisenburger** pitched the final two innings scoreless in his major league debut and allowed one hit with two strikeouts. The right-hander was recalled from Triple-A Syracuse on Sunday to give the Mets a fresh arm — **Xzavion Curry** was optioned.

"He's worked really hard to get here and anytime you see a debut and it goes well like that, it's amazing to see," **Sean Manaea** said.

Weisenburger became the eighth Mets player this season to debut in the major leagues, joining Benge, **A.J. Ewing**, **Nick Morabito**, Thornton, **Matt Seelinger**, **Nate Lavender** and **Jefry Yan**.



CARSON BENGE Reached base three times.

TWO MUCH TO ASK

CATCH A WHIFF: Ryan McMahon strikes out with the tying run on second base to end the Yankees' 10-inning loss. Jazz Chisholm Jr. (inset) struck out to end the ninth, sending the game to extra innings.
Robert Sabo; Jason Szenes

Scuffling lineup held to a lousy single run, wasting another gem from Schlittler

By GREG JOYCE

The Yankees had a chance to sweep one of the best teams in the majors Sunday afternoon.

All they had to do was score two runs in nine innings, but it once again proved to be too tall a task.

Trent Grisham's solo home run in the eighth inning at least ensured the game got to extras, but it was the only bit of scoring the Yankees could muster all day as they fell to the Braves 2-1 in 10 innings in The Bronx.

BRAVES	**2**	**10 innings**
YANKEES	**1**	**Box. / P. 36**

Michael Harris II's leadoff single in the top of the 10th was the difference, scoring the automatic runner off Paul Blackburn before the Yankees (66-52) were unable to return serve in the bottom of the frame, going down in order as they squandered a chance to finish off a three-game sweep of the NL East-leading Braves (71-47).

"Obviously we got to do more to put some runs on," said manager Aaron Boone, at this rate sounding like a broken record. "We had better at-bats as a club, but still we got to find a way to push it across."

Offense was at a premium for most of the afternoon, as Matt Olson clubbed a solo shot off Cam Schlittler in the seventh inning before Grisham matched him by going deep off Braves reliever Didier Fuentes in the bottom of the eighth to tie it.

But that was the fourth and final Yankees hit of the day, as their final seven batters were retired to go down quietly, falling to 5 ½ games back of the Rays for the division and remaining 1 ½ games clear of the Red Sox.

With Schlittler turning in seven dominant innings of one-run ball, Yankees starters have now allowed one run or fewer in nine of their last 12 games. The problem is that the Yankees have also only scored two or fewer runs in seven of those 12 games (and three runs or fewer in 16 of their last 22 games), failing to fully take advantage of the strong pitching.

"At the moment, those guys got to be almost perfect for us to be in the ballgame, and they have been, which has been incredible," said Austin Wells, who went 1-for-3.

Coming off the worst start of his season — when he lasted a season-low three innings and walked a career-high-tying five batters while giving up four runs against the Cardinals — Schlittler was sharp, striking out 11 and walking none. He had given up just one hit until the seventh, when Olson took him deep on a 100 mph 2-0 fastball that Schlittler left over the middle of the plate.

The bigger issue for Schlittler was that his lineup could not figure out Braves right-hander Grant Holmes, who threw six shutout innings in which he gave up just three hits and two walks.

Their best chance off Holmes came in the sixth inning, when Wells singled and Grisham doubled — with a slight bobble from Ronald Acuña Jr. still not enough for Wells to score on the play given Acuña's cannon of an arm. Ben Rice came up next and drilled a line drive to right field that hung up long enough for Acuña to run in and snag it, too shallow for Wells to try him again. Heliot Ramos then followed with a strikeout, ending the threat.

Boone pointed to the Yankees hitting the ball hard more often Sunday, indicating it was more encouraging than some of their other low-scoring games of late. Grisham, who came into the day in a 9-for-78 skid, had three balls that came off his bat at 95 mph or harder, coming up just short of another home run in the third inning. Ramos and Luis García Jr., their two trade deadline additions, each had two hard-hit balls while the slumping Rice and Jazz Chisholm Jr. had one apiece.

"It's super frustrating, especially when it's such a close game and going into extras," said Chisholm, who went 1-for-3 with a walk and a throwing error. "It just sucks."

And while the Yankees have now won or split each of their last four series against teams in playoff position, their lineup has still cost them too often.

"It's baseball, it happens," Schlittler said. "They got a great team, great lineup. It's been a tough series all weekend, so I'm glad we won the series. But it's tough, it's just how it goes sometimes."

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Cam finds his form at home, but can't find W

By DAN MARTIN

There's no denying the Yankees lineup is a mess.

But if their batting order gets it together in time for October, Cam Schlittler showed again in Sunday's 2-1, 10-inning loss to Atlanta that he looks to be up to the task of shutting down a postseason-worthy lineup.

And that's whether he's at home or away from the Stadium.

After a poor performance in his last start, which came in The Bronx against St. Louis, Schlittler, unprompted, said, "Things have been a lot easier on the road. I feel like I've been dominant on the road and haven't been able to do that here. And it's frustrating. At some point, we've got to make an adjustment, and I've got to perform in front of the fans."

Heading into Sunday, Schlittler was 8-2 with a 1.10 ERA in 14 road starts on the season, compared to 2-4 with a 4.32 ERA in 10 starts at the Stadium.

Versus Atlanta, Schlittler rebounded from what Aaron Boone called "arguably his worst" start of what's been an outstanding season.

Coming back from a start in which Schlittler allowed a season-high five walks — as well as four runs — in just three innings against the Cardinals in a home loss, he returned to ace-like form in The Bronx against the Braves on Sunday, giving up one run in seven innings, while striking out 11 and not walking a batter.

"There's a big chance that stuff is a coincidence," Schlittler said of the difference in performance away from home compared to the Stadium.

Asked why this one may have been different, Schlittler said, "I was more locked in. It was a day game against a really good team and was able to limit distractions."

But he wasn't able to help the Yankees get a victory.

Because of the Yankees' continued struggles to score runs, Schlittler found out that even though he was just one pitch away from a masterpiece, it was enough to put the team in a hole.

He whiffed five of the first six batters he faced, overpowering Atlanta's lineup with fastballs.

The right-hander pitched around a leadoff double by Mike Yastrzemski in the third and had struck out Matt Olson twice in his first two at-bats.

After sticking to the outside part of the plate in the first- and fourth-inning matchups with Olson, Schlittler changed up his approach a bit in the seventh. Schlittler fell behind 2-0 with a pair of sinkers, before leaving a 100 mph four-seamer over the middle of the plate.

Olson hammered it out to right-center for the game's first run.

"He was able to clip it," Schlittler said.

But as far as the rest of the 25-year-old's performance went on another sweltering day at the Stadium, the Yankees were encouraged.

"Cam was dominant," Boone said. "Up there with as good as he's been all year, which is saying something. He was excellent."

He had double-digit strikeouts for the third time this season. Each time he's accomplished the feat, he's done so without issuing a walk.

"I tried to be more locked in and in control of what I can control," Schlittler said. "I had a good mentality and routine."

He just couldn't help the Yankees lineup.

UP NEXT

vs. Mariners

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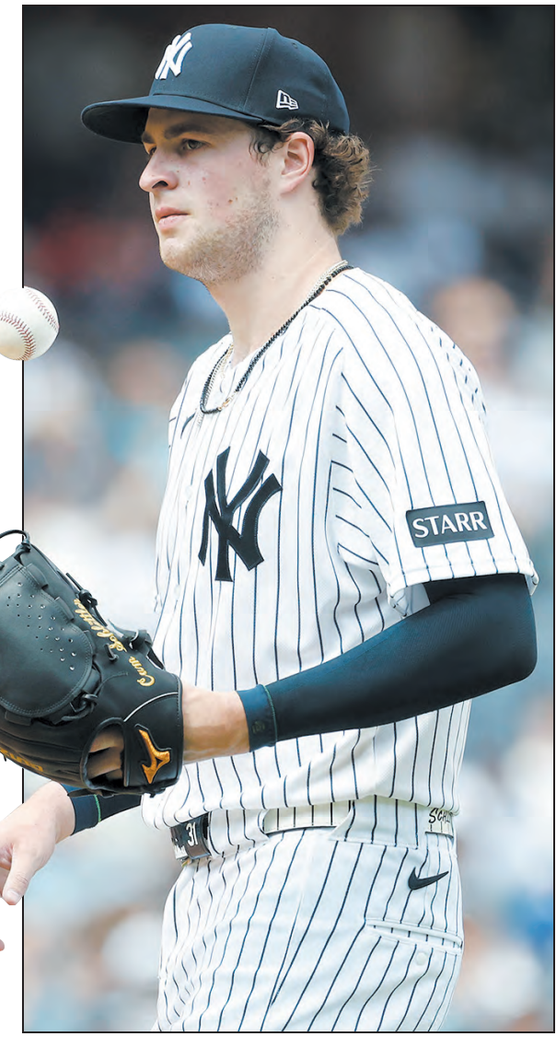

ACE IN A HOLE: Cam Schlittler reacts after giving up a solo homer to Matt Olson in the seventh inning, the only real mistake he made in his latest dominant start. Schlittler fanned 11 and did not walk a batter, the third time this season he has had double-digit K's. Jason Szenes

Boone: Reeling Chisholm can't 'get dialed in'

By GREG JOYCE

The Yankees keep waiting for Jazz Chisholm Jr. to take off.

With 44 games left in the season, it has yet to actually happen.

At a time when the Yankees are going through a brutal stretch offensively — including Sunday's 2-1, 10-inning loss to the Braves — without Aaron Judge, Cody Bellinger and Giancarlo Stanton, they could sorely use someone to spark the lineup. Chisholm has the skill set to make that happen, except he has not been able to put things together consistently all season, finishing Sunday batting .216 with a .691 OPS through 109 games.

"I think all year, just struggling to really get dialed in," manager Aaron Boone said. "He's never had that real hot streak, which he's certainly capable of. We've seen over the last couple years, where it's two, three, four weeks of impactful damage, speed, getting on, things like that."

Chisholm went 1-for-3 with a walk Sunday (while also committing a throwing error on a chopper-turned-infield-single that he could not cleanly grip out of his glove). Though he is certainly not alone in his offensive struggles, the pending free agent is as capable as anyone on the Yankees of single-handedly changing a game. He just has not been able to do it often enough.

"I've been feeling OK," Chisholm said. "Hit it hard, get out. Sometimes not even making contact. But every day, going out there and grinding, trying to make things happen for the team."

➤ After throwing 48 pitches in 2 ⅔ innings Saturday night in his first rehab start with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, **Carlos Rodón** (left elbow inflammation) will likely make another this week before returning to the Yankees.

"I watched his outing this morning, thought he looked pretty good, thought he threw the ball pretty well," Boone said. "So I would assume we'll probably have another one for him at least."

➤ **Cody Bellinger**, now two weeks removed from suffering a Grade 2 left hamstring strain, has been running and hitting, though it is unclear if he could beat the four-to-six week timeline he was given.

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"It seems like he's doing pretty well, but until we get to that finish line ..." Boone said.

➤ **Clarke Schmidt**, who experienced forearm cramping during his live bullpen session Tuesday, has played catch but has yet to throw a bullpen session since then.

"I think we're good, but we got to get to that point where he's back on the mound, which hopefully is the next couple days," Boone said.

➤ **Giancarlo Stanton** (right calf strain) did some more running in the outfield Sunday at what appeared to be a pretty good intensity, but he still did not run the bases.

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STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

"My Life With The Walter Boys" (Netflix) continues to be a pleasant show to watch in its third season, with **Nikki Rodriguez**'s (below right) performance as Jackie continuing to be mature beyond the character's years. **OUR CALL: STREAM IT**

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WHAT TO WATCH

A little more depth and thematic focus would do **"Big Chicken: A Fast Food Conspiracy"** (Netflix) some good, but as it stands, **Mo Gilligan**'s (left) efforts and strong subject matter keep the documentary afloat. There's no denying he's a likeable personality in this new doc.

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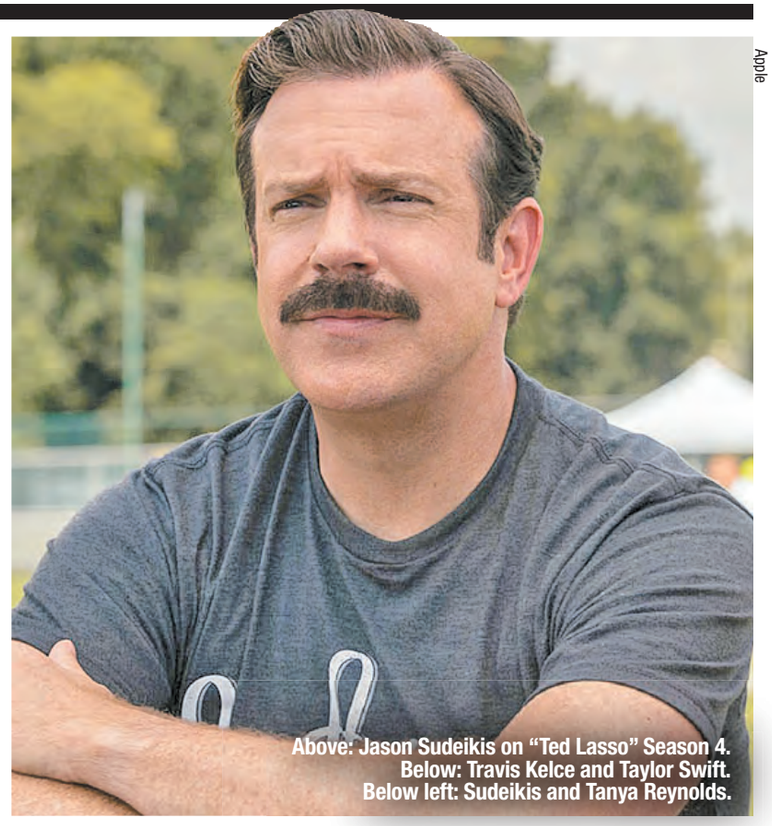
FROM KANSAS CITY TO LONDON

'Ted Lasso' executive producer says Taylor Swift has an open invite if she'd ever want swing by the set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Above: Jason Sudeikis on "Ted Lasso" Season 4.
Below: Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift.
Below left: Sudeikis and Tanya Reynolds.

By HOPE SLOOP

Ted Lasso and Taylor Swift both know a thing or two about Kansas City and London. That smells like potential... for a crossover, that is.

****Spoiler alert for "Ted Lasso" Season 4, Episode 1, now streaming on Apple TV****

Three years after the third season of Apple TV's Emmy-winning comedy ended and left fans feeling like Ted's (Jason Sudeikis) journey had come to an end, the gang is back and taking on a new challenge for AFC Richmond: getting a women's football team off the ground. That doesn't happen, however, without a little coercion from Rebecca (Hannah Waddingham), Keeley (Juno Temple), and Higgins (Jeremy Swift), who fly to the States at the beginning of the new season to convince Ted to return to England and help them out again.

Before they can get Ted on board, however, the U.K. trio has a grand old time in Missouri — and Kansas, occasionally — including a stop into a store that took off after Taylor Swift's Eras Tour. It's no surprise that the series would shout out T. Swift, especially because it was her KC stop that first connected her with her now hubby Travis Kelce, a tight end for the Kansas City Chiefs. Naturally, fans want to know if the mention of the singer is a sign that she could make an appearance or swing by the set anytime soon, and to that, executive producer Jamie Lee says the invitation could not be more open.

"Oh my God, we would love it," Lee told DECIDER at the Season 4 premiere in Los Angeles. "Taylor, please, if you're watching, come hang out in our writers' room. We'll give you free almonds if that entices you."

Lee did not share whether or not the team behind the series has reached out to Taylor or Travis about making an appearance in the show, but given the close connection between the show's lead actor and the couple who recently tied the knot, it wouldn't be surprising if we see a quick cameo or get another reference to the "London Boy" singer and "the guy on the Chiefs."

Just last month, Sudeikis was spotted at Taylor and Travis' wedding in New York City, as he's long participated in charities and fundraisers involving his hometown teams. Around the time that the newlyweds started dating, some fans even believed Sudeikis may have been the matchmaker who connected the two, given his close ties to the KC sports scene and the world of film and television.

So, perhaps the writers of "Ted Lasso" Season 4 are priming the fans to see an appearance from Taylor or Travis in upcoming episodes? We doubt it, but it's nice to dream. We'll just have to wait and see.

The first episode of "Ted Lasso" Season 4 is now streaming on Apple TV. New episodes premiere on Wednesdays.

Prime

TRENDING NOW

Prime Video's **"Madden,"** starring **Nicolas Cage** (left) as the late NFL coach and sports commentator John Madden, will premiere on Nov. 18. The film will also feature **Christian Bale** (far left), Kathryn Hahn, Sienna Miller, John Mulaney, and Shane Gillis.

WHAT'S NEW

ON FREEFORM
"**Somebody Knows Something**," a new docuseries (left).

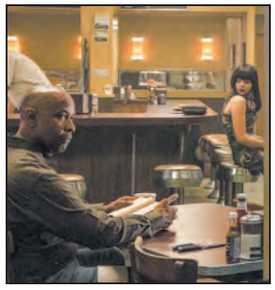
ON HISTORY
"**History's Greatest Mysteries**," the return of new episodes.

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

ADVENTURE

National Treasure: 3:30 p.m. on FREFRM. Nicolas Cage, Harvey Keitel. A treasure hunter and a National Archives curator follow clues to find lost treasure.



ACTION

The Equalizer: 3:45 p.m. on TNT. Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas. A retired commando is hired to rescue a young girl while battling violent Russian gangsters.

DRAMA

Forrest Gump: 6 p.m. on PARMT. Tom Hanks, Sally Field. A slow-witted man changes the lives of those around him during turbulent times in America.

Monday August 10, 2026

SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS Movies Sports New

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	The Neigh-borhood (R)	The Neigh-borhood (R)	FBI: Parental (R)		CIA: Persian Knights (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	New York Live	American Ninja Warrior: National Finals 1				The Wall: Mallory & Madison		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	Extra	TMZ	The 1% Club: Hot Wife		(9:02) The Quiz with Balls: Nerds vs. Models		The 10 O'Clock News		Good Night New York	Feud Favorites (R)
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!: Tournament	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Dancing with the Stars: The Next Pro: Moments		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: In The Hot Seat		Celebrity Family Feud: Julie Bowen vs Yvette (R)		News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
9 WWOR	9	9	9	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Perfect		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Grief	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	(6:00) PIX11 News at 6	Seinfeld: Face Painter	The Big Bang Theory	All American: Rebel Without a Pause		Penn & Teller: Fool Us: Alyson Might Throw Up (R)		PIX11 News at Ten		New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: The Wallet
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Antiques Roadshow: Idaho Botanical Garden (R)		Antiques Roadshow: Idaho Botanical Garden (R)		Daniel Day-Lewis,The Hollywood Genius		Amanpour and Company	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Cozy Mysteries			Whiskey	Downton Abbey		Chatsworth Time		BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	GZero	Azadi	Who She Is	Vanguard W	Her B Idea	Day's Work	Buzz	Start Up	The NYC F	Walkin NYC	Roadtrip
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) Fire	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.: Endings		Chicago P.D.: Bad Boys		Chicago P.D.: Ride Along		Chicago P.D.	
41 WXTV	41	6	41	N Univisi	La rosa de Guadalupe		Tan Cerca de Ti, Nace el		Guardián de mi Vida		Corazon de Oro		Noticias	N Univisio
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Operación Triunfo				El Señor de los Cielos		Lejos de Ti		Noticiero	Noticias
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Perfect (R)	Last Man	Last Man	News 8pm		48 Hours: Mystery on		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
A&E	46	46	181	Live PD (R)	Live PD: Shifts (R)		Live PD: Shifts (R)		Live PD: Greatest Shifts		(10:01) Live PD: Shifts		(11:04) Live PD: Shifts (R)	
AMC	54	43	231	The Rock (1996, Action) Sean Connery.			Con Air (1997, Action) Nicolas Cage. R ★★★					Gone in 60 Seconds (2000) PG-13 ★★★		
BBCAM	71	101	189	(5:30) The Book of Eli (2010, Drama) R			The Fifth Element (1997, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis. PG-13 ★★★½						Law & Order	
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		BIG3 Basketball				Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	18	44	185	Below (R)	Below Deck: Out with Old		Below Deck		McBee Dynasty: Banks, Babies			Next Gen NYC (R)		McBee (R)
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	(9:20) The Office		The Office	The Office	Family Guy	Family Guy
DISC	66	27	120	120 Hours	120 Hours: Butler County		Contraband		120 Hours Behind Bars		120 Hours (R)		Contraband (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Big City	Big City	Descendants: Wicked Wonderland			Phineas	Phineas	(10:35) Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)
ESPN	28	36	70	Baseball	Little League Baseball: Regionals Live.				Little League Baseball: Regionals Live.				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	29	35	74	Sports	International D		College	College	World Series of Live.		World Series of Live.		NFL Live	
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		How America Works		How America Works		How America Works		How America Works	
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night	
FOOD	50	97	164	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Pitmasters: Rooter Tooter		Pitmasters: Core Four		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
FREE	38	49	199	National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) Nicolas Cage. PG ★★★					Somebody Knows		Somebody Knows		The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	MLB Pregame Live.		MLB Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at St. Louis Cardinals. Live.						Postgame	SPEED with Harvick	
FX	10	40	53	(5:00) Thor (2011, Action)		Thor: The Dark World (2013, Action) Chris Hemsworth. PG-13 ★★★					Thor: Love and Thunder (2022) Chris Hemsworth. ★★★			
HALL		191	240	(6:00) From Friend to Fiance (2019)			Season for Love (2018, Drama) Marc Blucas. NR ★★½				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	Crashers	Crashers: Divided Design		Ugliest House in America		Ugliest House in America		Crashers: Witchin' Kitch.		Hunters	Hunters
HIST	40	47	128	History's	Great Mysteries (R)		Great Mysteries (R)		History's Great Mysteries		(10:03) Great Mysteries		(11:05) Great Mysteries	
ID	23	171	123	Murder	Murder in the Heartland		Fear Thy Neighbor		A Killer Among Friends		Game Day Murders		Murder in the Heartland	
LIFE	62	45	140	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper		(10:03) Dr. Pimple Popper		(11:03) Dr. Pimple Popper	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	(6:00) NBA Basketball			New York Knicks		New York Knicks		NBA Basketball			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	Fight Sports WC Boxing: Mike Tyson			Fight Sports Martial Arts		Fight Sports Kickboxing		NHL Hockey Replay.			
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NATGEO	65	162	121	Inside CIA	Inside CIA (R)		Inside CIA (R)		Inside CIA (R)		Inside CIA: Mark Kelton		Inside CIA (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	Sorcerer's	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. PG ★★★½							Bang	(11:15) Big Bang Theory	
OWN	173	180	145	Videos	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos	
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Forrest Gump (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks, Sally Field. PG-13 ★★★★						Cast Away (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks. PG-13 ★★★½				
SNY	26	60	77	Pre Game	MLB Baseball: New York Mets at Atlanta Braves from Truist Park. Live.						Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	Deep Blue Sea (1999) ★★½		Insidious (2011, Horror) Patrick Wilson. PG-13 ★★★					Insidious: Chapter 2 (2013, Horror) Patrick Wilson.			
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	The Office	The Office
TCM	82	41	230	Man Who Loved Cat Dancing (1973) ★★			Your Cheatin' Heart (1964, Drama) George Hamilton.				Where the Boys Are (1960, Comedy) Dolores Hart.			
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day: Last (R)		90 Day: The Last Resort		(9:01) Little Singles		(10:01) 90 Day: Last		(11:01) Double Lives Of	
TNT	3	37	51	The Equalizer 2 (2018, Action) Denzel Washington. R ★★★					The Librarians: The Next		The Librarians: The Next		Mortal Kombat (2021) ★★½	
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		WNBA Basketball: Chicago Sky at Seattle Storm.			
VH1	19	52	217	(3:00) Malcolm X (1992)		Just Mercy (2020, Drama) Michael B. Jordan. PG-13 ★★★							Malcolm X (1992) ★★★½	
WE	59	42	149	Minds	Criminal Minds: Valhalla		Criminal Minds: Lauren		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
YES	53	89	76	(6:00) English Championship Replay.			MLB Baseball: 2026 Old-Timers' Day Special: from Yankee Stadium. Replay.							Homegrown
HBO	511	301	400	The Party	(7:19) Last Week (R)		House of the Dragon (R)		Life, Larry: Lawrence (R)		The Drama (2026, Romance) Zendaya.			Dragon (R)
MAX	531	371	420	(6:47) War for the Planet of the Apes (2017, Action) Andy Serkis.					(9:08) Maze Runner: The Death Cure (2018, Action) Dylan O'Brien.					The Watch
MGM Plus	595		395	(6:00) The Silence of the Lambs (1991)			The Westies: Rad Tad		Billy Kid	(9:45) Billy the Kid			Face/Off (1997, Action) John Travolta. R	
PARSHO	551	321	365	(5:45) Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action)			Special Ops: Lioness		American Assassin (2017, Action) Dylan O'Brien. ★★½				The Hangover Part II ★★★	

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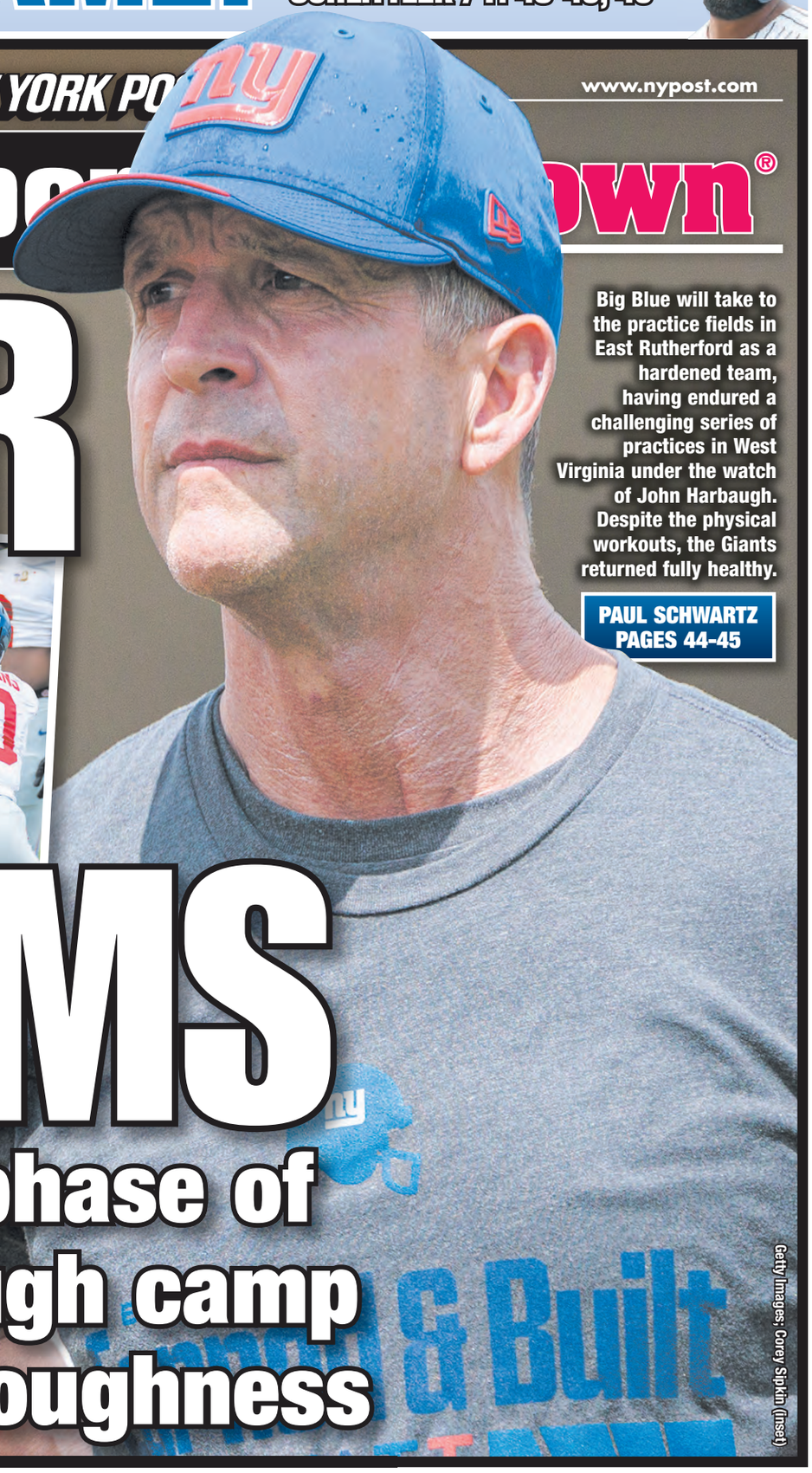
Surviving first phase of grueling Harbaugh camp shows Giants' toughness



Big Blue will take to the practice fields in East Rutherford as a hardened team, having endured a challenging series of practices in West Virginia under the watch of John Harbaugh. Despite the physical workouts, the Giants returned fully healthy.

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ONE OF THE GREATS

NBA LEGEND, BRIEFLY KNICKS COACH, NELSON DEAD AT 86

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